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# Knesset set to okay Arens for defense

By DAVID ZEV HARRIS

The Knesset is expected to approve the appointment of Moshe Arens as defense minister this morning.

Labor Party leader Ehud Barak yesterday expressed support for Arens, saying he is a worthy candidate.

However, MK Ze'ev (Benny) Begin, under whose father Arens served as defense minister, said he would oppose the appointment "because of disagreement with the government's policy," Itim reported.

Meretz leader Yossi Sarid said his faction too would have to oppose the appointment since "Arens has extreme political views, is adventurous in his military plans, and even the Wye accord will be too much for him."

Sarid added that Arens is a believer in settlements and settlers, and therefore is not worthy of Meretz's support.



## Hussein heads to US for urgent treatment

# Prince Abdullah sworn in as crown prince

By Jerusalem Post Staff and news agencies

AMMAN – King Hussein left for urgent medical treatment in the United States yesterday after suffering what his doctor described as a possible recurrence of cancer. Hussein, 63, returned home only seven days previously after six months of treatment for non-Hodgkins lymphoma at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota.

Lt.-Gen. Samir Farraj, Hussein's private physician, said he suffered from "low blood counts and fever and I, as well as doctors from the Mayo Clinic, thought it is best to send him back to the clinic for checkups and treatment."

Hussein's departure came hours after he named his eldest son Prince Abdullah crown prince and heir, replacing his brother Hassan who he charged had meddled with the army and opposed his plans for royal succession.

Officials said Hussein left at 1 p.m. after a brief ceremony at Amman airport to swear in Abdullah as regent in his absence. Hours earlier in the palace, Abdullah, 36, was sworn in as crown prince.

In television clips of the royal shakeup broadcast yesterday morning, the king was shown leaning on a stick and looking flushed.

Abdullah is an army major-general and in charge of a special



**Jordan's Crown Prince Abdullah** (AP)

force that oversees the security of the royal family. He attended military schools in England and the US.

Senior politicians said the king's decision was prompted by his battle with cancer. They said he decided to act quickly to restore the Hashemite monarchy's succession to a son who would carry on his legacy.

But in a public letter to Hassan, who served as crown prince for 34 years, the king implied it was the prince's shortcomings which forced his hand.

He wrote that he was forced to intervene from his bed while undergoing cancer treatment to prevent a major army shakeup instigated by Hassan.

"I used my authority as the supreme leader of the armed forces to stop any haphazard decision against the army that could lead to its fragmentation and its politicization," he said.

He accused his brother of trying to settle scores by sending into retirement military officers whom the king said had rendered many years of exceptional service to the country, including Army Chief of Staff Field Marshal Abdul-Hafez Kaabneh.

He also accused his brother's supporters of instigating a smear campaign against his US-born wife, Queen Noor, and his children.

Hassan, although seen as less charismatic than the king, had decades of experience in international affairs and had worked hard to promote Jordan's economic development.

"Those same people who are saying the crown prince was incompetent give us no guarantees that this change would be for the better of the country," said Mustafa Hamarneh, director of Jordan's Center for Strategic Studies.

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# i helps Orthodox pass council law



**Former defense minister and center party leader Yitzhak Mordechai is embraced by Labor and Social Affairs Minister Eli Yishai (right) as he talks to Shas MK Raphael Pinhasi (left) in the Knesset yesterday.** (AP)

Meretz leader Yossi Sarid said the "Knesset has for the first time legislated an antisemitic law, which discriminates against Jews for being Reform or Conservative."

According to a reservation approved to the bill, an amendment to the Religious Services law, those who do not keep to the oath of allegiance lose their membership in the council.

Opponents of the law were serious that the efforts to enlist a majority to foil the measure, including many members of the coalition, failed by only one vote.

Yisrael Ba'aliya MKs and ministers, whose faction decided to vote against the bill, were furious when renegade MKs Yuri Stern and Michael Nudelman absented themselves from the vote.

The passage of the law was also blamed on no-shows from the Labor Party, including renegade MK Rafik Haj-Yihye and Rafi Edri, who is not seeking re-election.

Gesher's three active MKs also absented themselves.

Before the vote, Deri led intensive efforts to persuade the Arab MKs to abstain from the vote, on the grounds that it is entirely a Jewish issue. The effort only had an effect on Hadash MK Hashem Mahmeed.

After the result was announced, Labor whip Elie Goldschmidt tried to get the vote disqualified on a technicality, which could have led to a long delay or postponement of a re-vote. Tichon ruled that the vote was valid, since Goldschmidt had not noted the mistake before the end of the vote.

# NEWS
## in brief

### Knesset approves pay hike for ministers

The Knesset last night approved a decision of the Finance Committee to raise the salaries of deputy ministers by 5 percent, some NIS 1,300 each. However, the salaries of senior officials are also linked to this wage, and this will result in a cost of tens of millions of shekels.

The salary of deputy ministers will now amount to some NIS 35,000 a month.

The Treasury said the vote, 13 in favor, including three deputy ministers, with MK Ruby Rivlin (Likud) voting against, was a "scandal." Deputy Minister Michael Eitan said he would donate his increase to the Betar movement. *Nina Gilbert*

### Annan hints Arafat may delay statehood

GENEVA – UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan indicated yesterday that Yasser Arafat may not declare a Palestinian state on May 4.

"I have seen dispatches which seem to indicate that... Chairman Arafat may postpone the declaration of state beyond May 4," Annan told a news conference in Geneva.

A Palestinian official told Reuters earlier this month that Arafat was willing to consider a delay in return for US recognition of future independence.

"I think all of us know the impact or the implication of the declaration of a state on May 4 and I hope that what I'm hearing is the right position," he added. Annan said a delay could offer a window for progress after Israeli general elections scheduled for May 17. *Reuters*

### FM denounces EU on Wye implementation

The Foreign Ministry yesterday denounced the European Union decision to blame Israel for the impasse in the implementation of the Wye accords.

The EU council of ministers announced that it "deplored the continued suspension by the Israeli government of implementation of the Wye River Memorandum" which was "in contravention of both the spirit and the letter of the memorandum, and appealed to both sides to continue with implementation "fully and without new conditions."

The Foreign Ministry said it gave the EU a list of Palestinian violations that must be redressed first. "Israel expresses amazement at the EU's disregard of the Palestinian violations, and its adoption of a one-sided approach," said the ministry. *Danna Harman*

# Reserve pilots strike over insurance

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

In a dramatic first, dozens of air force reserve pilots have declared they will stop flying until an arrangement can be made to insure them adequately.

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Chief of General Staff Shaul Mofaz held an urgent meeting last night to resolve the problem, which could potentially spread through the entire reserve system.

It was decided that the problem would given top priority by Moshe Arens, who is expected to take over today as defense minister.

The problem stems from the revelation that civilian life insurance policies do not cover the holder for loss of earning power should he be injured during reserve duty.

Pilots were the first to become aware of the problem, but it affects all reservists with private insurance policies. The compensation offered by the Ministry of Defense to injured reservists is also a small fraction of their actual salaries.

The reserve pilots have been demanding the Ministry of Defense cover them on the same level as career pilots are covered, but the ministry has so far said this is unacceptable.

Yesterday morning, pilots from at least two squadrons declared they were grounding themselves until an immediate, temporary but fair solution was found over insurance coverage. The move came after a difficult meeting with OC Air Force Maj.-Gen. Eitan Ben-Eliahu.

Reserve pilots are called up an average of once a week for flight training. The problem was first noticed after the February 1997 helicopter collision, when it became clear that different compensation sums were paid out to the families of reservists and regular service airmen.

The reserve pilots were supported by the Forum of Reserve Brigade and Battalion commanders.

# Two soldiers wounded; Lebanon denies talks

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN and news agencies

Two IDF soldiers were lightly wounded in a pre-dawn clash with Hizbullah gunmen near Kafr Houna, north of Marjayoun, the army said yesterday. The IDF did not have any reports of Hizbullah casualties.

In Beirut, Hizbullah issued a statement claiming to have either killed or wounded four IDF soldiers.

Later Hizbullah fired mortar rounds at the IDF position at the Beaufort Castle. There were no injuries.

Meanwhile, Lebanese Prime Minister Selim Hoss denied that Beirut has been conducting secret talks with Israel over a redeployment of IDF forces. "These are baseless reports," he was quoted as telling the National News Agency in Lebanon.

He said Lebanon's position is that Israel has to unconditionally leave south Lebanon under UN Security Council Resolution 425. "There is no need for negotiations over 425. The resolution called for unconditional withdrawal and Lebanon is fully committed to coordinate with Syria for peace moves with Israel," Hoss said.

He was referring to statements made by Yitzhak Mordechai, later confirmed by Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, that Israel is conducting negotiations with Lebanon, reportedly to pull out of the Jezzine salient and reduce the number of IDF troops and positions in the security zone.

Uri Saguy, former head of IDF intelligence, told Israel Radio that "we should redeploy from the area of Jezzine, as well as two or three other areas, even on the assumption that we are remaining in south Lebanon."

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# *Uneasy lies the crown*

ANALYSIS
By BARRY RUBIN

Uneasy lies the head that wears the crown, wrote William Shakespeare. And that goes for crown princes, too, as Jordanian politics are now demonstrating.

King Hussein not only has deposed his brother, Hassan, from his 34-year tenure as heir to the throne, but also criticized the management of the kingdom while he was in America receiving chemotherapy treatment.

The king named his eldest son Abdullah, who currently commands the country's special forces, as the new crown prince. It was an extraordinary birthday present for Abdullah, who will be 37 on Saturday.

The monarch's own fairytale-like return to Jordan also ended darkly as he quickly returned to the United States for more medical care. This decision implies that what was billed as a recovery might only be a remission.

Hussein accused Hassan of meddling in the army and allowing his own supporters to criticize the king's current wife, Queen Noor. There can be absolutely no question of Hassan's loyalty to the king. Perhaps Hussein was led to false suspicions due to palace intrigues, possibly involving Queen Noor herself, who wants her son, Hamza, still only 18, to succeed to the throne. The king was also worried that Hassan would put his own son on the throne, though the two men had agreed decades ago that Hussein's line would rule in future.

Many national leaders find it hard to choose replacements, and they often become jealous and suspicious of even the most trusted lieutenants put into that position. Perhaps, they worry, the heir is secretly trying on the crown and dreaming of what he will do when the old ruler is gone.

The regent is placed in a very difficult position: doing nothing makes him seem a poor administrator; taking decisions makes him seem a threat.

Hassan apparently fell off this narrow tightrope.

Crown Prince Abdullah lacks political experience, though his strong base in the army implies he would be able to make a smooth transition and a stable regime. Hussein even linked the change in succession with a defense of Army Chief of Staff, Field Marshal Abd al-Hafiz Kaabna, who Hassan was seeking to remove. Certainly, Abdullah is a far more realistic choice than Hamza.

None of these developments means that Jordan is unstable. There is not going to be any serious conflict among the factions. Things will soon settle down into an acceptance of Abdullah's new status, and the jockeying will begin by ambitious officials to ingratiate themselves with the new successor. The longer King Hussein lives on earth, the more entrenched and experienced Abdullah will be before it is his turn to reign as Jordan's fourth king.

# Hussein's letter to Hassan

Excerpts from the letter King Hussein of Jordan sent to his brother, Hassan, giving his reasons for removing him as crown prince. The letter, dated January 25, was released by the palace and translated from Arabic by The Associated Press.

"It was during my first trip abroad for medical treatment when cancerous cells were discovered in my left ureter, which was removed in addition to my left kidney. The suffering I felt at that time was a reason for my deep insight into the past and the present... I returned home deciding to abdicate the throne in your favor despite differences between us at times.

"Members of my small family were hurt by the gossip and lies about my wife and children. When I heard this, most of the time I attributed it to the tendency toward rivalry among those who pretend to be faithful to you.

"I have lived through many experiences, and I noticed some climbers get onto the branch to ruin the relationship between father and son, and I swore to myself that this would not happen here in my lifetime. Surely this has become the objective of every declared or hidden enemy... But they have not succeeded.

"Their plan at this stage, together with those who want to destroy Jordan, was to instigate infighting in the ranks of the leadership after they failed to dismantle the base, and they find in my being alive an impediment to all their designs.

"Until that time I was determined to hand the first responsibility to you. But after you, I envisioned a role for the Family Council to ensure the unity of the Hashemite family so that when the time came for you to choose the successor, the family would have a great role in naming the most suitable successor.

"We have differed and we still do over the succession and who would succeed you. You were completely opposed to this until the time you would have assumed the throne and decided who would have been you successor.

"I intervened from my sickbed to prevent interference in the affairs of the army in a change that appeared aimed at settling scores and retiring loyal and qualified people... At the forefront were the field marshal and the chairman of the joint chiefs of staff.

"All of this has given me many sleepless nights while I was on my sickbed, on top of my personal suffering...

"That is why I returned to the homeland: to rectify matters as soon as possible and to assume my duties towards future generations.

"I have received your letter in which you place the matter of succession in my hands and in which you express readiness to hear my decision concerning that matter. I thank you for that. I have found that to take a decision, I must refer to the original constitutional rule, where I find that all conditions that originally dictated the exception have passed, and that therefore, His Royal Highness Prince Abdullah, would in such a case immediately assume all responsibilities as crown prince of the Hashemite kingdom of Jordan.

"I thank you, Your Royal Highness, my dear brother, and express my deepest appreciation to you for all the sincere efforts that you have exerted during the past three decades...

"I am sure that you are receiving this decision of mine with self-content, and with the spirit of a member of the one, united Hashemite team... You will always stay close to me as brother, an intellectual, and a man of principle.

"May God bless you."



**Liver recipient meets donor's mother**

**Assaf Gabai, 18, who recently received a liver transplant at Hadassah-University Hospital, Ein Kerem, holds hands with, Nadine Dragi, the mother of the donor, Nayef Dragi, 17, of the West Bank village of Harbata, who died in a car accident along with his 16-year-old brother. Their father, Mohammed, who was also injured in the accident, had spent time in the intensive care unit convalescing alongside Gabai.** (Text: Judy Siegel; photo: Avi Hayoun)

## SOCIAL & PERSONAL

THE WEEKLY MEETING of the English-speaking Rotary Club will take place today at 1:00 p.m. at the YMCA, King David Street. Professor Trude Dothan will speak on "Philistine Culture in the Light of Recent Excavations."

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# UK, US Jews snub Shahak trip

By DAVID ZEV HARRIS

Amnon Lipkin-Shahak's requests to meet with key individuals in both the US and British Jewish communities did not receive many positive responses, *The Jerusalem Post* has learned from sources in both countries yesterday.

Indeed, such was the apathy in Britain that Shahak, the center party No. 2, canceled his planned trip there on his way back from the US.

"The main fundraisers in London think Shahak and the other political leaders are on an ego trip," said one British source. "They don't want to fund ego trips, which are not for the good of the country."

Shahak's center party staff yesterday refused to give any details of his visit to the US.

A Shahak spokesman also refused to say whether the UK was on the original itinerary but just said "Shahak will be traveling directly back from the US to Israel."

Immediately after Monday night's news conference, which proclaimed the party's leader as Yitzhak Mordechai, Shahak left for the US.

He will be there until Sunday for what his office described early yesterday as a "flexible" program. Later in the day, even the word "flexible" was replaced with a flat "no comment."

Political sources both here and in the US told *The Post* that Shahak was not being well received in the US and was finding it difficult to fill his timetable.

Some even suggested that Shahak delayed his trip by two days to allow his staff to fill up his program.

However, party workers said he decided to postpone the visit because of Mordechai's decision to join and the negotiations this entailed.

On Monday, Prime Minister's Office deputy minister Michael Eitan warned Shahak against traveling to the US or else running the risk of breaking election laws.

Shahak's program, according to Eitan, includes a fund-raising dinner, with tickets costing $1,000. Eitan alleged that this is in breach of the law which stipulates it is illegal for candidates to receive contributions from non-Israeli citizens and that the maximum contribution allowed from Israelis is NIS 1,500.

Shahak's office bluntly refused to discuss Eitan's claims.

Meanwhile, the new center party is still considering whether to adopt a US presidential style election campaign with a leader and deputy, despite reports to the contrary, party No. 3 Dan Meridor said.

It was suggested by journalists during the day that Meridor himself was the principal opponent to the idea, as it would effectively cut him out of the leadership of the party, with Mordechai and Shahak taking on the roles of leader and deputy, respectively.

"I've dictated nothing nor have I vetoed anything," Meridor said. "We've still not decided whether the campaign will be a regular one with a single leader or whether we'll expand it to an American style."

Prior to Mordechai's joining the party, Shahak and Meridor were deadlocked as to who should be the leader and prime ministerial candidate.

During Monday night's news conference introducing the party's leaders – Mordechai, Shahak, Meridor and Ronni Milo – Shahak said he had decided to withdraw as prime ministerial candidate, giving way to Mordechai.

Meridor said he took the decision to remove his candidacy "within minutes" of Mordechai's coming on board.

Meridor, a former Likud justice and finance minister, added that until recently at least two Likud ministers had been in contact about the possibility of joining the center party.

Those contacts have since ended, the ministers have returned to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's side and now "attack his attackers," said Meridor.

Following Meridor's comments, Foreign Minister Ariel Sharon's spokesman issued a statement denying that Sharon was in any negotiations with the center party.

During Monday's center party launch, Milo attacked Netanyahu's style of leadership and said the late Likud prime minister Menachem Begin "would be turning in his grave" in shame.

Begin's son Ze'ev (Benny) Begin, who now heads the new Herut Party, said he was saddened by the reference, adding that it was out of place.

# Darawshe to remain DAP head

By LIAT COLLINS

MK Abdul Wahab Darawshe, who has announced he will not be running for the Knesset with the Democratic Arab Party in the next elections, intends nonetheless to remain the party head.

"I am retiring from the Knesset, not from political life," he told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

Darawshe has been an MK since 1984.

Darawshe seemed flattered by the comparison to Shas leader Aryeh Deri, who also said he is leaving the Knesset but not his party. "I admire and am friendly with Deri," Darawshe said.

The relationship between the two developed when Deri was Interior Ministry director-general and later minister and was considered to have helped the Arab community.

Darawshe said he is leaving the Knesset "at my peak, having realized my goals, in order to give other, younger people and new blood a chance to come in and fulfill themselves."

He said he hopes his resignation will be an example to other MKs, both Arab and Jewish, to leave after a few terms and bring in new blood.

"I also want to provide an example to Arab politicians [in Arab states]. Usually Arab politicians don't leave their seats of their own free will, but either by gunshot or natural death."

The Democratic Arab Party is running together with the Islamic Movement on a United Arab List. There are currently two MKs in the faction and four on the larger list. There will be internal party elections by the 501-member DAP council on February 27.



**Foreign Minister Ariel Sharon (right) yesterday congratulates Moshe Arens on his appointment as defense minister as Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu looks on.** (Brian Hendler)

# Poor turnout mars Netanyahu victory

By DAVID ZEV HARRIS

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu easily beat Moshe Arens in Monday's Likud leadership vote, but the results – published yesterday – pointed to a poor turnout.

Netanyahu received 81.74 percent of the vote. Arens 18.26%.

Of the 160,000 eligible voters, only 31.41% cast a ballot, compared to 53% the last time.

Netanyahu claimed a "renewed mandate" to lead the party.

While Netanyahu did gain overwhelming backing among those who voted, a center party source noted that 74.33% of Likud members did not vote for him. "The only mandate he got was from 25% of the party," said the source.

However, Likud spokeswoman Ronit Eckstein said the party views the turnout favorably. "In the last vote in '93, with all the excitement in the battle between Netanyahu and [David] Levy, only 53% voted," said Eckstein. "This time there was no major battle. It's been very successful."

"It's fair, but not too good," said Likud MK Ruby Rivlin.

At his victory news conference, Netanyahu said the level of support he had received "reflects the great support there is for our policies. It's the right way and we'll continue with it."

There was almost wall-to-wall support for Netanyahu from existing MKs.

Some opposition politicians had suggested that the election was just a show to prove the democratic nature of the party and to tell the public how popular Netanyahu really is, but party workers dismissed this, saying the challenges to Netanyahu by Arens and earlier by Uzi Landau were in no way a set up by the prime minister.

Netanyahu thanked the voters and Arens for the way in which the election had been conducted.

# ELECTIONS

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## Yisrael Ba'aliya MKs appeal ouster from c'ttee

Yisrael Ba'aliya MKs Yuri Stern and Michael Nudelman yesterday appealed to the Knesset ethics committee against their dismissal Monday from both the Knesset's Finance and Defense and Foreign Affairs committees by their party leader Natan Sharansky.

Nudelman said last week that the two will leave Yisrael Ba'aliya to form their own party, with a view to joining Avigdor Lieberman's Yisrael Beiteinu Party closer to the elections.

They were dismissed after they failed to register for Yisrael Ba'aliya's internal election to choose its election nominees. *Itim*

## Tel Aviv's Gelman drops out of Labor primaries

The Histadrut chairman in the Tel Aviv and Jaffa area, Gershon Gelman, yesterday announced he would not be running in Labor's primaries, to protest the region's low placing on the list.

Labor's central office decided Tel Aviv would only receive the 34th slot on their election list. *David Zev Harris*

## New Israel Party appeals high registration fees

Founders of the New Israel Party appealed to the High Court of Justice yesterday to cancel the regulations which requires new parties to pay the cost of announcements required for registration, amounting to between NIS 50,000 and NIS 70,000. Party leaders claimed that they do not want to solicit funds since they represent those who oppose the dependence of parties on financial interests and can hardly get through the month. *Itim*

## Ra'anan Cohen, Porat quarrel over fraud

An argument has broken out between Labor Secretary-General Ra'anan Cohen and Knesset Law Committee Chairman Hanan Porat (National Religious Party) over the question of marking the identity cards of voters in the elections.

Cohen is demanding that the committee further the bill he proposed demanding that the appendix to an identity card be stamped after a person has voted as a means of preventing illegal votes.

Cohen said he would take the issue to the High Court.

He said that in the last elections there had been cases of people using the identity cards of someone who had died or was abroad.

Porat, however, disagreed.

"In the cases Cohen has mentioned, stamping the identity card would not help. If someone is using someone else's card it would make no difference if it is marked or not," he said. *Liat Collins*

## ON THE RECORD

• *We've still not decided whether the campaign will be a regular one with a single leader or whether we'll expand it to an American style.* - **Dan Meridor** No.3 in the center party.

• *As things stand, I don't think that the fact Mordechai quotes biblical verses will sway voters, though it's very nice he has the Bible in mind.* - Shas MK **Shlomo Benizri**

• *You show me who a man's friends are, and I will tell you who he is* . - **Benizri**

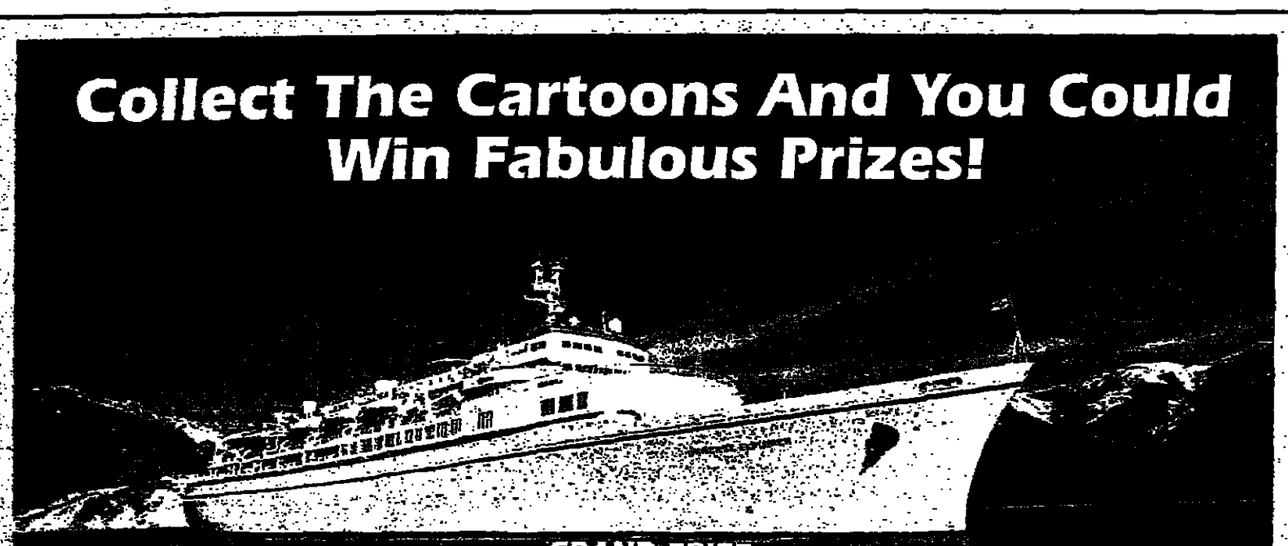
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• *Arens has extreme political views, is adventurous in his military plans, and even the Wye accords will be too much for him.* - **Sarid.**

• *The time has arrived to stop scrutinizing and looking out for what this one said against that one.* - Foreign Minister **Ariel Sharon**

• *I am not taking orders from anyone.* - **MK Yuri Stern**, ex-Yisrael Ba'aliya.


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# 'It's even worse than the conversion bill' – Conservative rabbi

By HAIM SHAPIRO

The amendment to the Jewish Religious Services Law passed yesterday by the Knesset is worse than the conversion bill, but it won't stop Reform and Conservative representatives from sitting on local religious councils, according to Rabbi Ehud Bandel, president of Israel's Conservative movement and a member of the Jerusalem Religious Council, although he has thus far been prevented from participating in council meetings.

Bandel said that the amendment is very serious because it sends out a message that the only Judaism recognized by the State of Israel is Orthodoxy and that there is no room for the Conservative and Reform movements.

"It is worse than the conversion bill. That is only against rabbis, while this rejects Reform and Conservative Jews as well," Bandel said.

However, he said that the non-Orthodox movements would not make it easy for the religious establishment. He promised that they would continue to be members of religious councils.

According to the amendment, the members of the council are to swear allegiance to the State of Israel and promise to carry out the decisions of the council. The council and its members are to act according to the rulings of the local rabbinate and Chief Rabbinate in all matters of Halacha under its authority.

Bandel said that the Reform and Conservative representatives should have no problem with this since the religious councils are not halachic bodies. However, he added, if the council ruled that a Conservative synagogue should not get funding because it contravened Halacha, or if the council debated spending public funds to publish newspaper advertisements against Conservative congregations, he and his fellow non-Orthodox members would oppose such moves.

Bandel added that it was an absurdity that the Knesset ruled that council members would have to respect the rulings of the chief rabbis the day after Sephardi Chief Rabbi Eliahu Bakshi-Doron had said that the assimilation engendered by the Reform was worse than the Holocaust.

However, Bakshi-Doron himself had not favored the bill, arguing that it would not keep out the Conservative and Reform and saying that the religious councils should be replaced by non-political municipal department. Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Yisrael Lau, on the other hand, has said that the religious councils should be preserved.

Bandel said that he would have no more difficulty agreeing to abide by the halachic rulings of the Chief Rabbinate than the haredi members of the religious councils, who also did not abide by the halachic rulings of the chief rabbis.

"Show me a haredi member of a religious council who recites *hallel* [the collection of Psalms recited on holidays] on Independence Day," Bandel said.

Haifa attorney Yonatan Friedland, a member of the Haifa Religious Council, explained that as he saw it, the purpose of the council was not to rule on Halacha, but to supervise the administrative aspects of religious services.

"The council's job is not to rule what kind of water goes into a *mikve* [ritual bath], but to make sure that the contractor who build's the *mikve* didn't get the job because he's somebody's brother-in-law," Friedland said.

Rabbi Meir Azari, chairman of the Israel Union of Progressive Rabbis, said that the day was a sad one for Jewish unity and that the law would harm the link between Israel and the Diaspora, but added that the Reform movement had emerged from the struggle strengthened.

*Itim adds:*

Haifa Chief Rabbi She'ar-Yashuv Cohen said yesterday that members of all of the streams of Judaism can sit together on religious councils. He said he based his decision on a previous one by Rabbi Abraham Isaac Kook.

"They [the Reform] are our brothers and we call on them to return to religion," Cohen added, suggested that Bakshi-Doron's comments yesterday had been misinterpreted.




**Conservative and Reform Jews hold up signs reading 'All Jews are equal before God' at a protest against the passage of the Religious Services Law yesterday.** (Brian Hendler)

# Religious Services Law gets mixed reactions in US

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK – Reform and Conservative Jews, sending a mixed message, downplayed the significance of the new law requiring their representatives on the religious councils to acknowledge the Chief Rabbinate's authority, even as they were "disappointed" by the vote of center party leader Yitzhak Mordechai.

Rabbi Eric Yoffie, head of the Reform movement's Union of American Hebrew Congregations, said that it was critical for Israel to have a constitutional system in which civil, religious and human rights were guaranteed.

The vote was razor thin, and Yoffie said he was disappointed by Mordechai's vote in favor of the measure.

"Perhaps he does not yet understand that the head of a major party has to think of his responsibility to Jewish people as a whole, and not just respond to the political crisis of the moment," he said.

Yoffie and Conservative leaders also were deeply offended that Sephardi Chief Rabbi Eliyahu Bakshi-Doron was quoted as saying that the Reform movement, through its support of intermarriage, was wiping out more Jews than did the Holocaust.

"It is such an affront to all those who died in the Holocaust to even conceive of uttering such an analogy. It is profoundly offensive," Yoffie said. "They really dishonor the memories that all of us hold sacred."

"It is unconscionable, it is insensitive that a religious leader should be so ignorant not only of the Jewish condition of the past but of the present," said Abraham Foxman, director of the Anti-Defamation League. "The Reform movement may not be to his taste or his liking or to his halachic precepts, but if anything, it has kept within Judaism" many Jews.

"I was not aware that within Judaism there are degrees where we accept Jews, and God willing there will be more that we will be able to hold onto from the pressures of assimilation," Foxman said. "And for him to compare it, it is almost *hillul hashem*."

"The comments of the chief rabbi are appalling," said Rabbi Joel Meyers, the director of the Conservative movement's Rabbinical Assembly. "It sounds typical of Israeli politicians who speak only in hyperbole. Rather than being a religious leader, he is becoming a politician in the narrowest sense."

Rabbi Reuven Hammer, a Masorti leader from Jerusalem who was in New York for a meeting of the assembly, concurred, adding, "Unfortunately, there are too many Israelis who are willing to believe this kind of thing simply because they don't know any better." Hammer called the Knesset measure "ineffective."

"It only states the obvious, that the rabbinate has control over kashrut and *mikve'ot*. We've never challenged that," he said. "Passing laws day and night will not change the fact that we are a pluralistic society."

Meyers, however, warned that the measure is harmful to Israel's image in the American media and among the public.

"Israel is seen as a repressive country religiously," he said.

# Sarid to Bakshi-Doron: Retract 'Reform is worse than Holocaust'

By NINA GILBERT

Meretz leader Yossi Sarid, speaking yesterday during the marathon debate on the bill to keep non-Orthodox Jews off religious councils, demanded that Sephardi Chief Rabbi Eliahu Bakshi-Doron apologize to the Jewish people and especially the Reform and Conservative for his comments.

Bakshi-Doron, speaking in Migdal Ha'emek Monday night had said that the assimilation engendered by the Reform was worse than the Holocaust. Chief Rabbinate spokesman Zvi Rosen stressed yesterday that Bakshi-Doron had not said the Reform were worse than the Holocaust, but that the numbers lost to the Jewish people through assimilation, which Bakshi-Doron said the Reform encouraged, was greater than those killed in the Holocaust.

Sarid termed Bakshi-Doron's comments as "ugly, malicious slander."

"If Bakshi-Doron does not retract the comments," he said, "we will not have any dealings with him. We will remain two worlds that do not meet." Sarid's demand sparked an uproar in the House, as Meretz MKs sparred with religious MKs.

MK Avraham Lazerson (United Torah Judaism) said they would have never made such comments against a [secular] judge as they did against Doron who is also a judge. He was nearly ejected from the session for his first time by Knesset Deputy Speaker Nawaf Massalha.

MK Addisu Massala (Labor) called on Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Meir Yisrael Lau, a Holocaust survivor, to boycott Bakshi-Doron, and not take part in events with him.

In a letter to Lau, he said "I do not understand how you do not dissociate yourself from Bakshi-Doron." Meanwhile, the two rabbis took part in a Knesset tribute to Yosef Burg, the former National Religious party leader, in honor of his 90th birthday.

*Haim Shapiro contributed to this report.*

# Livnat to push for annexing territory

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

Communications Minister Limor Livnat told settlers yesterday she would push to ensure areas in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza are transferred to Israeli sovereignty.

She told Israel Radio that these areas would include existing settlements and empty regions that are not under Palestinian rule. The plan, she said, would become especially pertinent if the Palestinian Authority declares statehood.

Livnat visited communities in the Hebron region, such as Karmei Tzur and Kiryat Arba, before attending a ceremony at Hebron's Guttnick Center to launch the issue of a Hebron stamp.

Meeting with settler leaders in Kiryat Arba, Livnat said that if Labor Party leader Ehud Barak is elected prime minister, she will take to the streets with the settlers in protest. She was concerned to hear that many of the settlers disappointed with Binyamin Netanyahu feel they no longer have anyone to vote for.

Kiryat Arba Mayor Zvi Katsover declared that over 30 percent of the city's residents would not vote in the upcoming elections.

Livnat said she does not regret her decision to remain in the Likud and doubts Yitzhak Mordechai's departure for the centrist party will have any serious effects on the Likud.

Meanwhile, council board members and mayors today begin a two-day seminar in Ariel to formulate strategy and reach decisions on how involved the council should become in the coming elections. The seminar will not only relate to the council's future agenda but will also decide which prime ministerial candidate to support.

Council members are still smarting from their actions that lead to the toppling of the Netanyahu government. Having misread the situation, they hope to continue efforts to unite the small, newly established right-wing parties in order to prevent a split in the national camp votes.

# 4 NY hassidim convicted of bilking federal gov't

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK – Four officials of the Skverer hassidic community, which once accused federal prosecutors of Nazi-like tactics, were convicted on federal charges of bilking the US government of tens of millions of dollars.

The four defrauded the government with bogus programs through which they obtained education, business, and housing grants that were used to benefit the community and its yeshiva in New Square, a village in Rockland County 55 kilometers northwest of New York City, according to federal prosecutors.

Convicted on Monday were Kalmen Stern, 40, David Goldstein, 52, Jacob Elbaum, 38, and Benjamin Berger, 37. They face between five and 20 years in prison.

Three others, including alleged ringleader Chaim Berger, are fugitives, according to the US Attorney's Office in Manhattan.

At one point in the four-year legal battle, New Square officials took out ads accusing prosecutors of terrorizing the community and waging a Nazi-like vendetta against its 6,000 residents, some of whom are Holocaust survivors.

In December 1995, the US government took the extraordinary step of naming a receiver for the community's yeshiva. Prosecutors said then that the community had thwarted their efforts to investigate the yeshiva's misuse of federal funds. At that time, the school had been under investigation by a federal grand jury for more than a year, but had refused to disclose financial records and was already facing some $3 million in fines for failure to cooperate.

Efforts last year to settle the case had failed. New Square had offered to make partial restitution, but tried to avoid prison sentences for the defendants, according to one source.

## ANALYSIS

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Like them, Yitzhak Mordechai needs to make as many friends and influence as many people as he can. One of them is Shas's Aryeh Deri, who grabbed hold of Mordechai in the Knesset and got him to vote for the bill.

When it passed by that single vote, a beaming Mordechai was quick to take credit: he told every religious MK in the vicinity that it was his vote which saved the situation. There were lots of broad grins, handshakes, and backslaps all around.

Mordechai was the hero of the moment, but not in his own new party. Fellow centrist Alex Lubotzky (lately of The Third Way), who had campaigned hard against the bill, said in despair last night that he "has no idea why Mordechai voted as he had. This is a harmful piece of legislation which should have never passed."

Ronni Milo, Mordechai's fellow leadership quartet member, was aghast and expressed "sorrow that this unforgivable bill had survived. This is a divisive bill which will increase controversy and confrontation in our society" – and most likely in the as yet nameless party, where there is no consensus on any issue, except unabating animus toward Binyamin Netanyahu.

Indeed, if his vote helps in the fight against Netanyahu, then Mordechai will be quickly forgiven. It could be argued that when he handed Shas a parliamentary achievement, he was really making a pitch to its supporters, who might now be more amenable to back his prime ministerial bid.

Shas MK Shlomo Benizri, however, doubts Rabbi Ovadia Yosef will endorse anyone "in the first round. He didn't last time either. It's not likely Mordechai will survive to the runoff. If he unexpectedly does, and is the one to face Bibi, then maybe we will have a problem. As things stand, I don't think that the fact Mordechai quotes biblical verses will sway voters, though it's very nice he has the Bible in mind."

He also maintains that the blessing Mordechai got from Yosef Sunday night will not do him too much good among the Shas electorate, "because we can read the signs which outsiders miss."

These include distinct displeasure on Yosef's part, as is evidenced by the brevity of the audience granted to Mordechai – under three minutes. Mordechai, it is said in Shas, all but forced himself on the rabbi and made the Shas mentor feel he was being used.

Mordechai is not a new acquaintance, and Yosef even conducted Mordechai's second marriage ceremony. He expected Mordechai to heed his advice when he told him to stay in the Likud. Mordechai didn't and the rabbi is piqued.

Beyond that there is little attempt in Shas to conceal the suspicion that Mordechai will emerge as a competitor to the party, which claims to represent tradition-minded Sephardim.

The election of a Sephardi prime minister might even rob Shas of its underdog raison d'etre. Shas is plainly wary and is cheered up mainly by Milo's anti-religious rhetoric. It will lose no opportunity to remind its followers with whom Mordechai has teamed up.

"You show me who a man's friends are, and I will tell you who he is," Benizri declares.

## ABDULLAH

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Shimon Shamir, former ambassador to Jordan, said yesterday: "I don't think it is for Israelis to express opinions on the internal differences within the royal family, but Israelis who would like to see the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan continue to be an island of stability."

*David Zev Harris adds:*

The replacement of Hassan as the successor of King Hussein should not affect Amman's relations with Israel, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu said. "I neither see nor expect any reason... for that relationship to change at all," he said. "Of course this will be our policy and I think that it will continue in the future."

## ARENS

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Asked if he would be prepared to meet Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat, Arens said he would meet anyone to fulfill obligations under agreements and advance the peace process, including Arafat.

Sharon and Arens rejected the suggestion that they may not be able to fully cooperate given their previous disagreements.

"Sometimes there are differences of opinion of one sort or another, which is legitimate," said Sharon. "But the time has arrived to stop scrutinizing and looking out for what this one said against that one."

*Nina Gilbert contributed to this report.*

## CLINTON

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The request for Clinton to appear stood almost no chance of passing because even Senate Republicans oppose it.

Later in the day, the Senate, for the second day in a row, defeated a motion by Iowa Democrat Tom Harkin to open up its deliberations to public view.

Yesterday's vote on holding the witness debate publicly garnered just 41 in favor, and Monday's (on the debate over ending the trial immediately) received only 43 – both far short of the two-thirds needed.

Most surprising was the absence of Clinton's secretary Betty Currie's name from the House witness list, since throughout the proceedings the House has often invoked her name in discussing major discrepancies.

The Senate is due to take two key votes this morning: first on whether to dismiss the entire case now, and then, if that fails, on whether to admit witnesses.

Speaking to reporters during a brief recess, Republican Sen. Phil Gramm predicted that the vote on deposing witnesses would pass, "which is a clear step toward having witnesses on the floor of the Senate."

Democrat Richard Durbin said on a radio interview that even if the dismissal vote fails, it could act as "a barometer of current prevailing sentiment" on whether to convict the president and remove him from office on either of the two articles.

Appealing to senators' sense of fairness, prosecutors and the defense sparred dramatically over the witness issue, with barely veiled insults bursting forth at times.

In a typical argument, Rep. Ed Bryant, referring to contradictions over the facts on Lewinsky's job search, asked: "An appropriate examination and cross-examination on the factual disputes – wouldn't it be nice to have that? Wouldn't it be nice to hear Ms. Lewinsky's version of this?"

Bryant pledged that a deposition of Lewinsky would take only "two to four hours," a point that Clinton's defenders contested in underlining their central point that allowing witnesses was unnecessary given the mountains of prior testimony, and would needlessly prolong the trial.

In explaining why the managers are calling for Blumenthal to testify, Rep. James Rogan said he would ask whether Clinton ever told Blumenthal the truth about his affair with Lewinsky prior to Blumenthal's appearance before a grand jury last spring. Blumenthal had earlier testified that when the news of the affair leaked, Clinton told Blumenthal that Lewinsky had pursued him and threatened him.

In rebuttal, Kendall disparaged called the prosecutors a "barbershop chorus" that changed their mind after two months ago, defending their not calling witnesses to appear before the judiciary committee; "a blackjack player" showing 20 and hoping desperately for an ace; and Wilkens Micawber in Dickens' David Copperfield, who he said is "always hoping something will turn up."

# Knesset discusses animal rights

By LIAT COLLINS

Animals don't have the right to vote, but they do have other rights, according to Noah, the Federation of Animal Welfare groups in Israel. Representatives of the groups were present in the Knesset yesterday when it held a debate marking World Animal Rights Day. The annual Knesset debate was initiated by Shinui leader Avraham Poraz who is behind the country's anti-cruelty laws.

Among the issues discussed yesterday were the dog recently strangled to death by a member of Kibbutz Shamir when it entered the dining room; the unauthorized killing of cats and dogs on IDF bases; and the mass poisoning of cats in Arad this week.

"We demand a law comparing animal rights to human rights in everything concerning the prevention of suffering," said Noah spokeswoman Ruth Shenan.

The group presented a Declaration of Animal Rights with clauses such as: "All animals have the right to live peacefully in a loving environment, free from pain, without hunger and suffering and in conditions which answer their natural needs in accordance with their breed and habitat."

Poraz recently filed a High Court petition against Agriculture and Environment Minister Rafael Eitan because in the five years since the laws passed, the agriculture minister has not drawn up the necessary regulations for its full enforcement. Similarly he has filed parliamentary questions over the import of calves for slaughter; force-feeding of geese for foie gras; the starving of hens so that their feathers will grow back stronger when they are fed again; and the way hens that have stopped laying eggs are killed in view of incidents in which hens were buried alive. Poraz said these practices violate the spirit of the anti-cruelty law and noted that in several countries force-feeding, for example, is banned.

"It is terribly cruel to force feed geese for the benefit of a few gluttons who aren't prepared to forgo having foie gras on their plates," Poraz said.

Eitan was not present for the debate, but on Monday he toured the Jerusalem Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals to mark Animal Rights Day.

Although he rejected a request that rabies vaccinations be provided free to animal welfare groups, he instructed his ministries to give a 20 percent discount on the injections according to criteria which will be determined by the Agriculture Ministry's Veterinary Services.

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# Golan Law passes; special majority, referendum needed for withdrawal

By NINA GILBERT

After a five-year campaign for the people to determine the fate of the Golan Heights, the Knesset yesterday passed a law requiring a vote supported by 61 MKs, followed by a majority in a referendum, before territory under Israeli sovereignty can be ceded.

The requirement for holding a referendum will only take effect after the next Knesset legislates a basic law for referendums.

The 53-30 result reflected a show of unity in the coalition and the absence of most Labor Party MKs.

The MKs who voted against included dovish Labor MKs such as Shimon Peres and Yossi Beilin, and those from Meretz, Hadash and the Democratic Arab Party.

When the result was announced, Meretz MK Dedi Zucker proclaimed: "All of the Golan Heights will be returned for peace."

The vote came after MK Salah Salim (Hadash) proposed turning it into a motion of no-confidence in the prime minister. However, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu asked for the vote to be held as an immediate vote of confidence in himself.

This prompted ex-defense minister Yitzhak Mordechai to refrain from voting. Yet, he also announced yesterday that his center party competing in the upcoming elections is willing to make territorial compromise in the Golan.

Fellow center party members Haggai Merom and Nissim Zvilli, still officially Labor MKs, voted against the bill.

Labor MKs such as party whip Elie Goldschmidt, who had previously come out firmly behind the bill, absented themselves, apparently due to concern for their outcome in the party primaries. Labor Party leader Ehud Barak also absented himself.

Meretz leader Yossi Sarid said the law is the "same as the one that had banned meeting with members of the Palestine Liberation Organization."

He said the Golan Heights law "would have the same fate, and end up in the graveyard of legislation."

Third Way leader Avigdor Kahalani said yesterday's vote is "only part of the process needed to support the Golan Heights."

He said his party would work to ensure that the referendum legislation is completed and that communities on the Heights continue to enjoy support. He said the party would launch a massive effort during Pessah to bring people to the Golan.

Sammy Bar-Lev, head of the Katzrin Local Council, said that while the original backers of the initiative had aimed to require 80 MKs for ceding the Golan, "obtaining 61 MKs is no simple task."

He said that whoever negotiates with the Syrians will now know that he must obtain a majority of the people.

The public momentum for holding a referendum and obtaining a Knesset majority began in 1994, when Golan Heights residents staged hunger strikes.

The law also would apply to attempts at ceding parts of Jerusalem, although it does not apply to the territories.

*Margot Dudkevitch adds*

While the Golan Heights Residents Committee praised the passing of the Golan Law, Shlomo Buhbut, chairman of the forum of confrontation line communities and mayor of Ma'alot-Tarhiha, charged that instead of rushing to pass a bill before the Knesset disperses it would be preferable to deal with the real issues faced by northern communities that include funding and seeking peace with Israel's northern neighbors.

Buhbut said he hoped a more responsible government will be elected and will not only deal with the confrontation line communities but will seek to reach a peaceful solution with Lebanon and Syria.

The Golan Heights Residents Committee applauded the passing of the bill and offered thanks to all the MKs from the different factions who voted for it.

# 5 wounded, 1 critically, in Isawiya demolition clash

By AMY KLEIN

Security forces yesterday wounded five Arabs, one critically, in clashes caused by the demolition of a home in Jerusalem's Isawiya neighborhood.

Under police protection, the Interior Ministry's building supervision unit tore down the 120 square meter building because it was built illegally, a ministry spokesman said.

Dozens of Isawiya residents hurled stones and empty bottles at police, who responded with tear gas and rubber bullets.

Zaki Obeid, 22, was hit in the head by a rubber bullet and was listed in critical condition at Hadassah-University Hospital, Ein Kerem, yesterday evening. Four others suffering light-to-moderate wounds were admitted to Makassed Hospital in east Jerusalem, a hospital official said.

The squat, two-family structure was built three years ago and was home to 17 members of the Abu Aweiss family. Throughout the day, family members stood on the porch of their father's house next door, alternately crying, fainting and shouting at police.

"There is no place to live in this neighborhood," said Ahmed Abu Aweiss, 32. "The ministry does not give building permits and so the whole village builds. Where are we supposed to live?"

Some 7,000 people live in Isawiya. Darwish Darwish, head of the local council, said that 27 other homes in the neighborhood are slated for demolition.

Another Isawiya house was spared destruction yesterday as Jerusalem's court for local affairs suspended demolition orders until April 11. Nayif Obeid, an uncle of the wounded Zaki Obeid, had received notice on Monday that his house was slated for destruction.

His lawyer, Allegra Pacheco, said Obeid's house is one of 11 the municipality has agreed not to demolish, while it draws up a new master plan for the neighborhood, which will include legalizing these homes.

A municipality spokeswoman confirmed the agreement, and said, "The Municipality of Jerusalem has been preparing a master plan... which is in its last stages of preparation and will accommodate the needs of all the residents currently living in Isawiya."

Obeid's home was slated for demolition because he had violated the agreement by planning an addition to his house, the local building and planning committee told the court yesterday.



Border policeman fire tear gas at rioters in Isawiya yesterday. (Reuters)

# Scam jeopardizes funding for immigrant support projects

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

*Plans for projects on behalf of new immigrants by support groups like the United Jewish Israel Appeal and the Association for Americans and Canadians in Israel are in jeopardy because of a directive from State Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein postponing the meetings of government-support committees which determine funding for these projects.*

Rubinstein's directive was issued in late November, as part of a reorganization of the funding process for such groups following its exploitation by some non-profit organizations to achieve duplicate funding from different government ministries.

Absorption Minister Yuli Edelstein this week asked Rubinstein to come up with a proposal which will allow the committees to resume meeting.

"My office is flooded daily with requests from organization representatives worried about the fate of their activities. Their inability to function will harm the important work they do in the absorption process," he wrote.

Edelstein asked Rubinstein to allow the support committees to meet to hear funding requests from these organizations.

A Justice Ministry spokeswoman said the matter is still under review by the attorney-general and other individuals in the ministry, and the various government ministries involved are negotiating the matter.

UJIA Director of Immigration and Absorption Services Maurice Singer called the situation "impossible," adding that the organizations' "Job Clubs," which provide training and employment information to newcomers throughout the country, may be shut down because of the freeze.

"We're in a position where we don't know if we can open these projects or not – we don't know if we're going to get money," Singer said.

He explained that organizations like his receive funding only for the various projects they run, and not for maintenance of the organization itself, which come from the Jewish Agency.

While the current situation will not mean the organization will have to close down, "we can't do what we were set up to do. So you have an organization that's there but can't carry out the programs it's supposed to carry out. That's the impossible situation we're in."

"We feel very uncomfortable with the fact that we're not trusted, with no reason for that lack of trust," Leah Ronen, National AACI executive director, complained. "It's definitely collective punishment. The good are suffering with the bad, and we are being made to suffer because of the people who cheated," Singer said.

Ronen said the organization's planned programs for volunteer training and leadership development were dependent on funding from the Absorption Ministry, "and we're very concerned that we're putting money out and we're never going to see it, and we don't know whether to stop or not."

Singer believes the solution will ultimately be the creation of one body that gives out such funds, but for the time being there is no money for the absorption projects.

"When you take into consideration the amount of paperwork and approvals we need... you would have thought that it would be impossible to beat the system. These organizations that fiddled must be very clever, because it's almost impossible. Maybe we're naive, we don't know how to pull a fast one. We do what they ask, we've never asked two bodies for the same funding. We will have to delay everything, because we can no longer cover this from our own funds, so now it's no money, no projects."

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## Yardeni, Moreh win Israel Prize

Prof. Miriam Yardeni has been awarded the Israel Prize for research in general history, and Prof. Shmuel Moreh chosen for the Oriental studies research prize.

Yardeni, of Haifa University, was cited for her contribution to the study of the history of historiographic political thought in France, and her research on the Huguenots and their relations with the Jews and Judaism.

Moreh, of the Hebrew University, will receive the prize for his research in Arabic literature, in particular modern Arabic poetry, and on theater and drama in Arabic during the Middle Ages. He also was cited for his contribution to the publication of works by Jewish writers born in Iraq who wrote in Arabic. *Jerusalem Post Staff*

## Dutch to open El Al crash hearings today

A Dutch parliamentary committee starts public hearings today into the 1992 crash of an El Al cargo plane into an Amsterdam suburb, focusing on the puzzle of the aircraft's load.

Dutch newspapers have said the plane was carrying ingredients used in making sarin nerve gas. At least 50 people were killed and hundreds of people living nearby have since complained of persistent health problems.

Israel confirmed last year the plane was carrying a chemical known as DMMP, used to make sarin, but insisted the material was non-toxic and was to have been used to test filters that protect against chemical weapons. *Reuters*

## Miss World's alleged rapist to be indicted

Uri Shlomo, 43, of Jerusalem, accused of raping Linor Abergil in Milan, Italy, before she won the Miss World competition, will be indicted on Sunday, the prosecution announced yesterday during a hearing in Tel Aviv District Court. Judge Ofra Cherniak said that if he is not indicted by Sunday, she will order him released from jail.

Shlomo maintains his innocence, insisting that Abergil consented to having sex with him. *Itim*

## Woman killed in gun mishap

A Givon woman was killed yesterday morning when the gun she was handing to her husband went off. Following an initial investigation, police said that it appeared to have been an accident, noting that her husband called police and Magen David Adom immediately. The woman, 31, is also survived by two children. *Itim*

## Cyprus spy prosecutor seeks closed-door hearing

The prosecution in the Larnaca trial of Udi Hargov, 37, and Igal Damary, 49, two Israelis accused of spying on Cyprus, requested yesterday that the testimony of their first witness, Vasos Kountouris of the army's General Command, be heard behind closed doors.

Prosecutor George Papaioannou said public disclosure may "endanger the security" of Cyprus.

Defense lawyer Antis Triantafyllides described Papaioannou's request as unprecedented and demanded time to consider the demand. Judge George Aristis ruled that the hearing would be resumed Friday.

Hargov has shaved his head, and Damary arrived in a jacket and tie instead of casual clothes. AP

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# Love and lemons

Column One



Thomas O'Dwyer

As the impeachment circus rolls on in the United States, the question of American foreign policy pops up from time to time. Has the White House been paralyzed by the scandal? Is foreign policy adrift?

This debate is as partisan as the impeachment. Those who love Bill Clinton (around 70 percent of Americans, and most of the rest of the world, it seems) love him with a rare passion and are as indulgent about the slip-ups of his administration as they are about the zip-downs of the man. Clinton has demonstrated his extraordinary empathy across the world – his is a typical '60s politics of love, but it has delivered a few foreign-policy lemons, as well as a few bimbos.

To those on the rabid and religious Right, Clinton is the anti-Christ without the decency to be as discreet as a Republican family-values fornicator, and his administration has led the United States to the cliff-edge of world impotence. This is a debate in the style of our own *Popolitica* – a generator, fueled only by screaming loudmouths, that produces lots of heat but little light.

**Foreigners, stupid**

When Clinton came to power in 1992, he was elected on a purely domestic ticket. "The economy, stupid" became one of the most famous campaign slogans of all time, capturing the American-dream essence of what the voters wanted. Most commentators predicted that the Southern boy from Hope, Arkansas, would have little interest in foreign policy. His enemies added more acidly that as a '60s "draft dodger," he would run US foreign interests into the ground.

It was a strange assessment of a man who had taken a BSc in international relations from Georgetown University, who went to Oxford on a Rhodes scholarship, who by all accounts speaks good German, and who soon astonished both the Jews and the Irish with his knowledge and genuine love of their cultures.

In 1992, it was clear beyond doubt that Soviet communism really was caput. All that really was required of a US president was to sit tight, steer a steady course and let the world readjust itself. George Bush had found his elusive "vision thing" at last – he freed Kuwait, smashed much of Saddam Hussein's war machine and bequeathed Clinton the idea of a New World Order. Order, shmorder, pass the saxophone.

**Rim of fire**

Republicans always sigh for those nostalgic 1950s, when US foreign policy was defined by the Cold War, or for the Ronnie Reagan years, when it could be written on a 3 x 5 inch card that read "Let's kick some ass."

Us versus them. So clear, so neat, and now so less so. The new Clinton team trashed around for a focus. Business was good, free market was good – so they went for that, and Clinton's first foreign forays were based on economics. He told the Japanese all foreign policy is domestic, and jobs are the issue. He hailed a meeting of Pacific Rim nations as a blazing vision of tomorrow, like the European Union when it began.

Other Liberals thought human rights should be the key issue in a changing world, "reforming China and freeing Tibet" should be the policy. And saving the planet was important, and the ecology, and the environment.

But many foreign-policy thinkers still say that in a one-superpower world, low profile and discretion should be the better part of American valor. There remains a widespread perception of American arrogance, a resentment of its cultural imperialism, even in sophisticated European democracies, and even with a president as genuinely empathetic and prejudice-free as Clinton.

Trade sanctions are the main instrument for enforcing American foreign-policy imperative, but they are usually ineffective and backfire by damaging relations with friendly countries who resent having Washington choose who they can do business with.

Against this complex background of half-formed notions of where the world has been headed, and confusion over what unexpected new names and crises mean – Bosnia, Chechnya, Rwanda, Oslo, Kosovo, Asia, Brazil – the Clinton administration will leave behind an equally complex mosaic of foreign policy successes and failures that only historians will be able to unravel.

**Grand bore**

On the positive historic side, whatever the future consequences, are the Middle East handshakes on the White House lawn, the Dayton Agreement on Bosnia, the Belfast Easter Agreement brokered by US Senator George Mitchell.

But there are failures too, and Russia may be the biggest. This will give any hawkish new Republican presidency in Washington, or nationalist one in Moscow, an excuse to restore the Cold War. NATO expansion is a pointless provocation that rubs Russia's nose in its problems rather than offering a friendly hand.

Policy on Iraq (or more accurately, on Saddam) has been not so much tragic as foolish, when it should be so simple – get rid of him, stupid!

US policy on China is now so confusing, even the Chinese don't know what the message is. And I'm afraid that as much as I greatly admire Bill Clinton's politics of warmth and empathy when he goes abroad, the foreign-policy lemon of his whole presidency so far has got to be last year's grand tour of Africa – the African Initiative for the New Millennium that lasted, oh, a week.

Give us a break, Bill! You even had me fooled there for a few columns.

# A race against time

## How Clinton and his economic team scrambled to forge a plan to save Social Security

By JOHN F. HARRIS

Drafts of President Bill Clinton's State of the Union address had been circulating for weeks inside the White House, but by early January they still did not say a word about Social Security.

The hole in the heart of the speech was partly intentional: Clinton was determined that no details leak in advance on one of the most important policy initiatives of his presidency. But there was another problem: With the speech date fast approaching, Clinton and his senior economic aides were undecided about what to say.

How much of the rising budget surplus was Clinton prepared to devote to save Social Security from insolvency? Was he willing to risk criticism by Republicans and some economists by investing a portion of Social Security directly in the stock market? How much Democratic backlash would there be if he moved in the direction of private retirement accounts favored by the GOP? Should he lay out specific proposals at the State of the Union or cling to generalities?

The answers would have consequences for Clinton's short-term political standing as well as for the record he hopes to leave. But as Clinton, Vice President Al Gore and a host of senior officials met December 22 in the White House cabinet room, the group had more agreement about the vast political risks of taking on the Social Security problem than on solutions.

"So, your recommendation is I should just jump off a roof," Clinton said at that meeting, after hearing an overview of options from national economic adviser Gene Sperling.



Clinton's Social Security plan, delivered last Tuesday night during his State of the Union address, was bolder and more specific than expected by many people who have been following the debate. (AP)

IN the end, the words Clinton delivered last Tuesday night were bolder, and more specific, than expected by many people who have been following the Social Security debate as it has unfolded over the past year. And Clinton succeeded in capturing the political middle ground more than his rueful humor with Sperling suggested.

But this occurred only after a laborious search for middle ground among the members of his team, according to several participants and others with close knowledge of the deliberations.

As these people describe it, the decision did not provoke the kind of bitter internal divisions that have often accompanied policy debates in the Clinton administration. Even so, several key players started the process last year with markedly different priorities, moving slowly toward consensus.

Gore had expressed deep skepticism about making individual investment accounts part of the solution to Social Security. So had Social Security Commissioner Kenneth S. Apfel.

Treasury Secretary Robert E. Rubin disliked the idea of investing Social Security funds in the stock market, instead of exclusively in government bonds. Other participants insisted that putting money in the market was the only way to achieve the higher returns needed to avoid politically painful tax increases or benefit cuts.

Political advisers such as Paul Begala and Douglas B. Sosnik warned against having Clinton embrace any Social Security plan that would prompt fears among congressional Democrats that Clinton was moving toward a GOP approach to a program that was a product of the New Deal.

ESPECIALLY during the impeachment drama, Clinton needed to keep his partisan base secure.

But if Clinton were to have any chance of making an overhaul part of the legacy of his administration, Sperling insisted, he would have to prove to Republicans that he was serious about the issue and respectful of their priorities. Sperling, sources said, kept returning the discussion toward ideas for incorporating some type of individual investment accounts into Clinton's proposal.

"The trick," said one participant in the debate, "was to find something that would hold most of the Democrats together but not seem like a 'screw you' to Republicans."

The fears were well-placed. The GOP had already been baiting Clinton about his failure to lead on Social Security.

Democrats, for their part, were fearing what one House leadership aide called "a return to triangulation" – the phrase Clinton political aides used for his 1996 strategy of distancing himself from Democrats in order to cut deals with Republicans.

As the internal debate dragged on, in what some participants described as long and excruciatingly technical meetings in Sperling's office, the administration's task became at once easier and more difficult.

Aides said they realized that the public expectations bar was rising.

Early in the process, aides were determined not to have Clinton put forward his own line-by-line legislation. Over time, however, the group concluded Clinton would look rudderless if he did not offer at least a general framework of how he proposed to both dedicate the surplus and overhaul Social Security.

At the same time, the administration was blessed by good economic news.

The projections showed the Treasury would have vastly more money, an estimated $4.4 trillion surplus over 15 years, than it earlier anticipated.

Some aides had wanted Clinton to devote nearly all of the surplus to Social Security – setting up what they thought would be a politically compelling contrast with GOP plans for tax cuts.

But devoting all the surplus proved impossible. For one, aides said, Clinton indicated he wanted to spend some of the surplus on another major entitlement program with long-term funding problems, Medicare.

Meantime, the Pentagon had insisted on a $110 billion funding increase over the next five years – which budget director Jacob Lew said could not be funded after this year without either making cuts in other programs or dipping into the surplus.

AS the year ended, Clinton's budget team arrived at a proposed formula that devoted 62 percent of the surplus, an estimated $2.7 trillion over 15 years, to Social Security.

That is enough to significantly extend the life of the program but not enough to guarantee its 21st century solvency unless Clinton and Congress can later agree on either benefit cuts or revenue increases.

In late December and early January, the administration was arriving, haltingly, at agreement on some other knotty questions. Rubin and his top aide, Deputy Treasury Secretary Lawrence H. Summers, softened their objections to investing a portion of Social Security in the market – so long as the amounts were carefully limited.

The administration proposal is to limit the total amount invested in stocks to 15 percent.

Early reaction to investing part of the Social Security system in the market has been strongly negative. Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan assailed the idea, as did many Republicans.

Administration sources said Clinton is not wedded to the plan but predicted support might grow as critics assess the unpleasant alternatives: cut benefits or raise taxes.

The question of individual accounts remained open until near the end.

Sperling, sources said, had for a time floated an idea that would set up a two-tier Social Security system. The old system would remain intact, funded by the 12.5% payroll tax. But individuals would be allowed to "add on" to the basic Social Security benefit with individual accounts.

White House Chief of Staff John D. Podesta's regular soundings on Capitol Hill – there were frequent meetings with House Minority Leader Richard A. Gephardt, D-Mo., and Senate Minority Leader Thomas A. Daschle, D-S.D. – indicated there was not the fierce opposition to individual investment accounts the White House had originally supposed.

But Gephardt was wary of merging the accounts into Social Security – fearing, as one aide described it, this "would be the camel's nose under the tent" toward privatizing the system.

Meanwhile, there were technical concerns: Summers warned that a two-tier Social Security System could be a logistical nightmare.

Late in the process, an escape hatch emerged.

The administration would propose Universal Savings Accounts (USA) in which money from the surplus would be used to set up investment accounts, separate from Social Security, to which individuals would add their own money.

The USA idea would be a bow in the direction of GOP priorities. But Clinton could give it a progressive twist by giving a larger benefit to lower-income earners.

Clinton signed off conceptually on the proposal January 6 but did not make a final decision on the Social Security passage of the State of the Union until a week later.

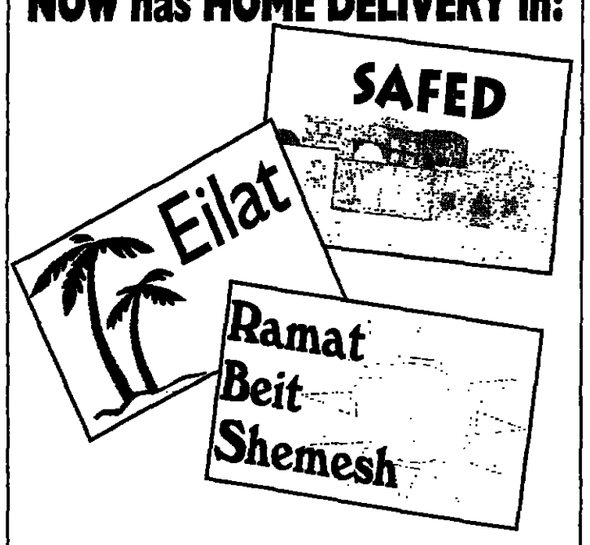
White House officials believe the Social Security proposal was a clear political triumph. If the early reviews hold, many officials said Sperling will get credit.

Sperling is regarded as a likable but exasperating colleague. Yet his penchant for long meetings and numbing detail proved an asset in forging an internal political and policy consensus on Social Security, officials said.

"It was like Gene herding cats," said Sosnik of the deliberative process. "He brought together a lot of people with a lot of knowledge and a lot of opinions."

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# Chinese turn Russian aircraft into playground

By MICHAEL LARIS

China finally has an aircraft carrier. But the hulking gray mass anchored in the small port of Shatian is not going to set sail as part of a navy struggling to project its power on the open seas.

Instead, the *Minsk*, bought in 1995 from the decaying Russian navy, is being turned into a playground – to be decked out with exciting battle-simulation video games, a helicopter ride and a hotel for tourists who want to experience the aura of a once mighty fighting ship.

Although there is no public transportation on the dirt road through the sugar-cane fields nearby, sightseers have steadily been making their way to see the rusting, 40,000-ton vessel since it arrived last fall.

The refurbishment won't be completed until at least spring, and guards block the main portal to keep people off the floating fortress. But tourists are already paying $5 each to be ferried around it in motorboats by local entrepreneurs.

Ominous exposes in the Western media have claimed that China acquired the *Minsk*, along with an unfinished Ukrainian carrier bought last year by a Macao company headed by a former Chinese army officer, in a back-door attempt to establish a naval air arm.

Actually, both vessels are slated to become amusement centers.

But military officials are sure to scour the old carriers for potential design hints, and the Chinese navy is also known to operate short airfields on which pilots can practice carrier take-offs and landings.

But while Chinese security officials acknowledge that a modern navy includes aircraft carrier battle groups, they say that now is not the time for China to form one.

"Anything the Russians would sell them would be junk," said Bernard Cole, a specialist on the Chinese navy at the National Defense University in Washington, D.C.

Should China want an aircraft carrier, and if it were willing to spend the money and spark an arms race in Asia, it would be better off buying a new one from Spain, as Thailand did in 1997, he said.

For now, the Minsk is a field of dreams for China's military buffs, and many envision the day when their nation will assert what they think is China's legitimate right to dominate events in Asia.

Li Jishe, a self-described "military hobbyist" and former warship builder, traveled all day to see the Minsk, which in its heyday carried 12 fighter planes, 18 helicopters and a crew of 1,200.

"In the past, Mao Zedong said China didn't produce an aircraft carrier because they are offensive, aggressive. [But] for a country as big as ours, we should have our own sophisticated, large-scale aircraft carrier," Li said. "Aircraft carriers embody a nation's military power."

Not everyone was as moved.

"It's smaller than I imagined," said one of Li's pals, Huang Dongmeng. Built in 1972, the *Minsk* is less than half the size of the newest, 102,000-ton American carriers.

THAT a carrier built by the Soviet Union in the early 1970s at the height of Chinese-Soviet hostilities could end up as a tourist attraction anchored on a Pearl River tributary in southern Guangdong province shows how much both countries have changed.

During the Cold War, the Soviet Union served alternately as China's Communist Big Brother and as serious adversary. Now Russia, a struggling democracy in economic crisis, can't afford to maintain its once-great military.

China, meanwhile, has large reserves of hard currency after two decades of swift economic growth, making it a perfect buyer for weapons Russia wants to unload.

That synergy has resulted in the sale of some serious weapons to China, including four Kilo-class submarines and two Sovremenny-class guided-missile destroyers.

It also, indirectly, resulted in the *Minsk*'s finding its way to China.

In 1995, a South Korean company bought the *Minsk*, with all its weapons systems and engines removed, from Russia's Pacific Fleet to turn it into scrap iron, but environmentalists blocked the planned disassembly in South Korea.

China's state-owned Guangdong Ship Dismantling Co. bought the *Minsk* and towed it to China for scrap last year.

But Shenzhen Ming Si Ke Investment Co. Ltd., a private firm backed by entrepreneurs with experience running video-game parlors, bought the ship for $4.3 million to turn it into a fun zone.

Although the entrepreneurs are avoiding interviews and trying to keep details quiet, an adviser to the *Minsk* project said the company is retrofitting the ship.

While the initial response to the *Minsk* has been more positive than expected, the entrepreneurs have run into some problems.

A portion of their outside investment has dried up, and the *Varyag* – the larger Ukrainian carrier that will soon arrive in Macao – could shave off most of their customer base in the Portuguese colony and in Hong Kong.

The *Minsk* project adviser, who asked to remain anonymous, said he is not worried.

"Their target group is different," the adviser argued, adding that China's 1.2 billion potential visitors are a sufficient market.

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# More than 2,000 feared dead in Colombian quake

By JAIME ACOSTA

ARMENIA, Colombia (Reuters) – As many as 2,000 people may have died in Armenia, the mountain city hardest hit by a powerful earthquake that tore through Colombia's central coffee-growing region, a city fire chief said yesterday.

But government officials urged caution and shortly after dawn would only confirm 479 dead and 1,758 injured across a disaster zone that spanned 20 towns and villages in five provinces.

They said new corpses were being pulled by the minute from the shattered concrete and tangled metal of collapsed buildings.

Most of the corpses, some shrouded in black body bags, were laid out in long lines on a basketball court in the city sports stadium that was doubling as a makeshift morgue.

"It's a complete catastrophe and we will take years to rebuild the city (of Armenia). We're finding more bodies every minute," state Gov. Henry Gomez said.

The quake, among the worst ever recorded in Colombia, struck at 1:19 p.m. on Monday and measured 6.0 on the Richter scale. It was felt across much of the country and sent tall buildings swaying in the capital Bogota and the northwest industrial hub of Medellin.

Gomez and other provincial officials said the quake was powerful enough to topple a thick wall surrounding Armenia's San Bernardo prison, allowing some 80 inmates to escape.

Television footage from Pereira, where some 100 died, showed rescue workers pulling the partially clothed bodies of victims from the ruins as fires, which broke out in the aftermath of the quake, devoured the remains of buildings.

Some earth-moving equipment had been drafted into service but emergency crews appeared loath to use the machines for fear of crushing victims who may be trapped in air pockets underneath tons of rubble.



Survivors huddle in rubble-filled streets after an earthquake Monday measuring 6.0 on the Richter scale destroyed half the provincial capital of Armenia, in Colombia, killing at least 476 people. The toll is expected to reach 2,000 when all the rubble is cleared. (Reuters)

The army poured much-needed medical supplies into the quake zone.

A team of 64 rescue specialists trained in extracting survivors and bodies from rubble was due to leave Miami for the disaster scene and a Japanese team was also to arrive in Colombia.

Regional authorities issued radio appeals for drinking water, portable power generators and coffins for the dead. Phone communications were knocked out by the force of the tremor.

"Armenia was just not prepared for a disaster like this," Henry Gonzalez, government secretary at Armenia City Hall, said.

A few citizens were voicing alarm that city authorities had failed to enforce strict building standards in an area prone to frequent if not severe earth tremors – an issue likely to feature in efforts to analyze the reasons for the high death toll.

The quake caused many landslides along the main routes leading into and out of Quindio and Risaralda provinces. But the National Coffee Growers' Federation said it had no reports of damage to Colombia's prized coffee crop, the country's No. 2 export earner.

The disaster forced President Andres Pastrana to cancel a high-profile, week-long European trip that was to have included the World Bank's annual assembly in Munich and an audience with Pope John Paul II in Rome.

Earthquakes are common in this Andean nation, but most are centred so deep beneath the earth's crust that they do little or no damage.

Colombia's National Seismological Institute said the center of Monday's quake was less than 32 km. below the surface – far less than normal – and the epicenter was located in a mountainous region 185 km. southwest of Bogota on the borders of Tolima and Quindio provinces.

The institute reported scores of aftershocks, the largest measuring between 5.5 and 5.6 on the Richter scale, but it was not immediately clear if these had caused additional damage.

## WORLD
*in brief*

### Yeltsin clashes with Primakov

MOSCOW (AP) – President Boris Yeltsin butted heads with Prime Minister Yevgeny Primakov for the first time yesterday, issuing a hospital bed rebuke for a proposed political truce that would include a check on his enormous power.

In a letter to the State Duma, Primakov had suggested that lawmakers drop impeachment proceedings against Yeltsin. In return, the president would promise not to use his power to dissolve the Duma for the rest of this year. Primakov said he had coordinated with the president over the plan. But Yeltsin's office responded in a terse statement that said the president wouldn't give up any of his powers, though he supports Primakov's efforts to create political stability.

The controversy is the first sign of tension in Primakov's otherwise rosy relations with Yeltsin since he was appointed in September.

### Australia holiday finds less interest in republic

SYDNEY (Reuters) – Australians celebrated their national holiday yesterday as a poll found support slipping for the creation of a republic that would end formal ties with Britain. As millions of Australians headed to beaches, parks and sporting events, pro-republican

"At the end of the day, I just don't believe Australians are going to sign up for another 100 years of the British monarchy," said Turnbull, chairman of the Australian Republican Movement.

Aboriginal protesters also called for a new outlook, marking Australia Day. *The Melbourne Age* said the ACNielson poll of just over 1,000 people found 50 percent supported Australia becoming a republic, with 38% against and 12% undecided.

### British monitored Mata Hari, records show

LONDON (AP) – British intelligence interrogated sultry spy Mata Hari twice during World War I, but couldn't force her to admit she was working for the Germans, according to secret government papers published yesterday. Although she later confessed to the French and was executed, the files from MI5 note that there was no evidence Mata Hari ever passed on anything of military importance.

The British domestic intelligence service is releasing files dating from World War I, which it considers too old to be a security risk.

Other released documents showed that MI5 considered using a so-called "truth drug" on Adolf Hitler's deputy, Rudolf Hess, when he was captured in Scotland in 1941 during an unauthorized attempt to broker a peace deal.

### Vatican updates exorcism rules, urging caution

VATICAN CITY (AP) – The Vatican issued new guidelines yesterday for driving out devils, urging exorcists not to mistake psychiatric illness for diabolic possession – but also stressing the power of evil. The new rite, in Latin and contained in a red, leather-bound, 54-page book, also reflects Pope John Paul II's efforts to convince the skeptical that the devil is very much in the world.

"The existence of the devil isn't an opinion, something to take or leave as you wish," said Cardinal Jorge Medina Estevez, a Vatican official who presented the revisions. The new guidelines are the first revision to the exorcism rite since 1614. They don't drastically change the words or the gestures of exorcists, but they do provide optional texts for priests to use.

# Russia, US disagree over Iraq, US anti-missile system

MOSCOW (Reuters) – The US and Russia failed to reconcile all their differences during a visit by US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright yesterday, but pledged not to let the disputes sour relations.

"There are a number of issues that are on the table when we talk. On some we agree totally and on some of them we disagree partially," Albright told a joint news conference with Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov after two days of talks in Moscow.

"But I think that is in the spirit of two important countries who have their own national interests and is perfectly proper. What I found most interesting out of this visit is our ability to speak in frankness and friendship with each other about the common problems we face."

She said she had expressed this view during a 25-minute telephone conversation yesterday with President Boris Yeltsin, who is recovering in a hospital from a stomach ulcer, and during a dinner with Prime Minister Yevgeny Primakov on Monday.

Yet soon after the joint news conference ended, the Russian Foreign Ministry issued a statement strongly condemning the deaths of civilians in what Iraq said was a US missile attack on the city of Basra on Monday.



US Secretary of State Madelein Albright (AP)

"Nothing can justify new deaths among the civilian population of Iraq, which has already been bled dry by the hardships of many years of blockade," it said.

The strong wording highlighted the difficulties now facing the Russian-US relationship carefully nurtured since the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991.

Albright came to Moscow on Monday to try to narrow differences on issues including arms control, sales of Russian technology to Iran, and the crises in Iraq and Yugoslavia's Kosovo province.

Ivanov, who met her on Monday and yesterday, said Russia and the United States' overall strategic goals coincided and described the talks as constructive and productive.

"We think the lack of agreement of our views on some issues must not be an obstacle to the development of our partnerly relations," he said.

The two sides also signed an agreement which Albright said would allow the US to resume cooperation with Russia over the launching of satellites.

But Ivanov also pointed to Russia's concerns on a series of issues, including US plans to create a new national anti-missile defense system which could violate the Russian-US Anti-Ballistic Missile treaty.

"We firmly believe that further reduction of strategic missiles can be done only on the condition that we are certain this agreement will be preserved and observed as a cornerstone of strategic stability," he said.

Ivanov rejected any "pressure" to curb exports of Russian technology exports following US criticism of Moscow's cooperation with Iran.

He also said Russia was worried by any use of force without approval of the United Nations Security Council, making clear Moscow's opposition to US-British air strikes against Iraq and to any plans to use force against Yugoslavia over Kosovo.

# Indonesia police deny reported killing of 40 Christians

TELAGA KODOK, Indonesia (AP) – Moslem attackers slaughtered some 40 Christian villagers in religious rioting last week in eastern Indonesia, a Roman Catholic priest said yesterday. Police denied the report.

If confirmed, the report from the village of Telaga Kodok would nearly double the official death toll of 56 from almost a week of violence.

Rioting rocked three islands in Maluku province, about 2,300 kilometers northeast of Jakarta, last week. Police said fighting between Christians and Moslems erupted on a fourth island on Monday. One man was killed on Manipa Island where mobs set fire to 40 houses and a church.

Baileo, a non-governmental organization, has said the total number of people killed in the religious turmoil could be well over 100. It was the worst unrest since former president Suharto quit in May after 32 years of authoritarian rule.

Father Stefan Sabong, an Indonesian priest, said there were widespread killings of Christians in Telaga Kodok.

Citing witnesses, Sabong said hundreds of Moslem rioters hacked at residents with knives and burned a church and dozens of buildings from January 19 to 21.

"Most of the houses were set on fire and everybody fled with only the clothes on their backs," Sabong said by telephone from Poka, a village near Telaga Kodok.

He said 40 Christians were killed and that 1,292 refugees had taken shelter in two churches in the area of Maluku province.

"The residents said they won't stay again in their homes near here since everything has been demolished," Sabong said.



Iwan, 30, a Moslem merchant, bathes in front of what remains of his shop yesterday after religious rioting in Ambon. According to police at least 56 people were killed when religious violence between Moslems and Christians flared in eastern Indonesia last week. (AP)

Col. Karyono S., the regional police chief, denied the report.

"It's impossible the number of Christians killed is that high," he said without elaborating.

The streets of Telaga Kodok were empty yesterday. Two residents said they did not know about the report of the mass killings.

Residents of riot-torn Ambon said they heard shots late Monday and stayed indoors, obeying a curfew ordered by authorities. Many shops were closed and public buses stayed off the debris-strewn streets yesterday.

The rioting was the latest in a series of violent outbreaks that have plagued economically struggling Indonesia for more than a year.

Armed forces chief Gen. Wiranto said he would pursue perpetrators of unrest in the Southeast Asian nation of 210 million people.

"[The military] will continuously dig for information to reveal who are the masterminds of the riots in Ambon and other places," the *Kompas* newspaper quoted Wiranto as saying yesterday.

Still, the military has had little success in stemming riots in recent months and security forces have often become the target of mob violence. Many Indonesians resent the armed forces because of its image as a human-rights violator under Suharto, who was forced from power by riots and protests.

An estimated 470 homes and building were burned along with seven mosques and nine churches. Many of those who died were Moslems.

At the height of the violence, some 20,000 people sheltered at military bases, police stations, mosques and schools. Many have returned to their homes.

Ambon's airport was open to commercial flights this week after being closed for days.

About 90 percent of Indonesia's people are Moslem, making it the world's most populous Islamic country. The riots hit areas with large Christian populations.

# US broadens policy on hitting Iraqi targets

WASHINGTON (Reuters) – US pilots patrolling over Iraq have been given expanded orders allowing them to bomb not only the source of an attack against them but to target Iraq's air defenses more widely, National Security Adviser Sandy Berger said yesterday.

President Bill Clinton had approved expanded "rules of engagement" in the last month to counter a more concerted ground offensive against planes enforcing the no-fly zones over Iraq, Berger said.

He told reporters that since the December 16-19 Desert Fox air bombardment of Iraq over its defiance of United Nations weapons inspectors, there had been "a distinct increase in the challenges to enforcement of the no-fly zones" by Iraq.

"The president has responded to requests by the military for more expansive rules of engagement," Berger told a group of defense reporters.

"Our pilots understand, and our air force understands, that if there are violations of the no-fly zone, that our response be not simply against the particular source of the violation or source of the threat but our response, as appropriate, will be against any of the air defense systems that we think makes us vulnerable," he said.

He was speaking shortly after US planes blasted air defense targets in northern Iraq, the fourth successive day of attacks on Iraqi positions. The no-fly zones in northern and southern Iraq were established after the 1991 Gulf War to deter attacks by the Iraqi military against opposition groups.

Britain said yesterday there were clear signs that Iraq could pose an increasing danger to security in the Gulf and said the West had to stay vigilant to ensure any threat from Baghdad was contained.

A weekend meeting of Arab foreign ministers did not take Iraq's side against the United States, prompting the Iraqi delegation to leave.

British junior foreign minister Derek Fatchett, speaking from Abu Dhabi, said it was clear that Iraq was becoming increasingly isolated following Western air strikes last month.

"The walkout by the Iraqi foreign minister was clearly predetermined. It was part of the Iraqi tactics – those are dangerous tactics in the sense that an isolated Iraq is potentially even more dangerous," he told BBC radio.

"What we have to recognize is that we now have a regime which is weakened and a regime which is much more likely to behave in ways that we need to control," he said.

"We need to be vigilant and we will continue to be so with our colleagues here in the region."

# Massacre, religious woes mar India's Republic Day

By JOHN CHALMERS

NEW DELHI (Reuters) – A village massacre, religious violence, and attacks by separatists blackened India's Republic Day celebrations yesterday.

At least 24 villagers were killed and 13 were wounded in the crime-ridden eastern state of Bihar in an overnight attack by suspected members of an upper-caste private army.

In the northeastern state of Assam, separatist guerrillas blew up a crude oil pipeline and killed two paramilitary soldiers, police said.

Kashmir's main city marked Republic Day, India's 52nd since independence from Britain, with a strike after separatists there called for shops and businesses to close.

President K.R. Narayanan made an impassioned plea for religious tolerance in his national address from New Delhi. He was referring to a spate of attacks on Christian churches and prayer halls in the western state of Gujarat.

But his speech had been written before the grisly weekend lynching of Australian Graham Staines and his two young boys. A gang of right-wing Hindu extremists torched the jeep in which they were sleeping in the eastern state of Orissa.

The Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party, leader of the coalition government, is under fire for its links with groups accused of fomenting violence against India's tiny Christian community.

Seven Hindu activists have been taken into custody in the southern state of Kerala for allegedly attacking Christians and dozens more for protesting the arrest, police said yesterday.

Caste violence has also become a regular part of India.

The village of Chiraribigha, scene of Monday night's attack, is about 10 km. from Lakshmanpur Bath, where, in December 1997, 64 villagers were burned to death or gunned down in Bihar's worst-ever caste-related massacre.

Yesterday, Jehanabad District Magistrate P. Amrit told Reuters a mob of raiders stormed remote Chiraribigha overnight, shouting slogans of the Ranvir Sena, a powerful illegal militia formed by upper-caste landlords.

He said they entered eight thatched huts and fired indiscriminately at their occupants. Nineteen, including several children who were shot at point-blank range in the head and abdomen, died on the spot. Five others died later in a local hospital.

Police said they had conducted raids in nearby villages and six people have been arrested so far.

In oil-rich Assam, separatists used Republic Day to bomb a pipeline to highlight their cause. Police suspect militants of the United Liberation Front of Assam.

In Sibsagar, some 300 km. east of Dispur, ULFA guerrillas ambushed two vehicles carrying paramilitary soldiers on patrol. Two soldiers were killed and nine, including five soldiers, three policemen, and one civilian, were injured.

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# A shocking comparison

If there is any one subject which must remain *inviolable among the Jewish people* and not used in any manner which would cheapen it, no matter what, it is the Holocaust. This fact should require no explanation. The memory of the six million, the unspeakable horrors suffered by individuals who are still alive, and the importance of the memory of the Holocaust and responses to it in forming the Jewish awareness and consciousness of many Jews around the world require it.

This principle is all the more important given the attempts by various antisemites around the world to either deny the Holocaust or relegate it to a minor footnote in history. There can be no excuse for invoking the Holocaust or making comparisons to it in internal disputes between Jews.

Unfortunately, no less an authoritative figure than Sephardi Chief Rabbi Eliahu Bakshi-Doron has shockingly chosen to invoke the Holocaust in attacking fellow Jews, stating on Sunday that the activities of Reform Jews are causing assimilation that is "worse than the Holocaust."

Bakshi-Doron has a right to hold opinions regarding Reform Judaism and to reject its ways. But making comparisons to the Holocaust is going far beyond the pale of acceptable discourse. It is especially disturbing that a person such as Bakshi-Doron, who is supposed to be a national educator and leader, would choose to express himself in such a way, because it could lead many to conclude that casually invoking comparisons to the Holocaust is legitimate, further cheapening the memory of those who perished.

Bakshi-Doron's comments are also unbelievably offensive to millions of Reform Jews in North America and other parts of the world. The State of Israel, which is committed to trying to draw in Jews from abroad to take part in building the country, cannot afford to allow such comments to be displayed in headlines around the world. Sadly, instead of working to heal rifts between Jews and seeking ways to bring Jews from abroad closer, the leading rabbis of the country are taking all the actions possible to keep people away from Israel and to further tarnish the image of traditional Judaism in the eyes of many.

The catalyst for all this is the fact that representatives of the Reform and Conservative movements are now sitting on the religious councils in a number of towns and municipalities. The Orthodox establishment has for years been trying every possible measure to prevent this, from deliberately ignoring High Court orders to paralyzing the work of the religious councils, the very institutions that they are supposedly defending. The passage of the Religious Council Law in the Knesset yesterday, by a majority of one in a legally disputed vote, was only the latest and most desperate attempt to find some mechanism that will enable the Orthodox to prevent Reform and Conservative Jews from sitting next to them and actively taking part in the deliberations of the councils.

It is time for the religious parties to admit that they have reached the end of the road in this struggle and to accept the fact that as long as the religious councils continue to exist in their present form, they will have to work side by side with Reform and Conservative Jews on the councils. The High Court of Justice has made it perfectly clear that when it comes to public offices, such as membership in religious councils, there can be no discrimination based on an individual's belief or lifestyle.

The law passed yesterday, requiring all members of local religious councils to sign an oath of allegiance to the rulings of the Chief Rabbinate in all matters of Jewish law falling within the jurisdiction of the councils, is unacceptable in a democracy, because it places public office holders in the position of possibly having to take oaths against their conscience and personal beliefs as a condition for taking office. Nevertheless, the leaders of both the Reform and Conservative movements have already announced that the law will not prevent members of their movements from joining the religious councils, so that the entire intention of the supporters of the bill is going to be nullified in any event.

If the religious parties cannot bear the thought of giving up the patronage and budgets the religious councils permit them to control, they will have to work with Reform and Conservative council members. The pointless struggle against them has only caused needless damage, in the suspension of council activities in such places as Haifa and Jerusalem and in the delays in passing the state budget in the Knesset initiated by Finance Committee chairman Avraham Ravitz (United Torah Judaism).

A better solution would be to adopt as soon as possible the bill before the Knesset to entirely abolish the religious councils, which have only proven themselves to be a drain on public resources and a source of money and power to politically beholden individuals. Religious services, like all other municipal services, should be provided by professional departments staffed by civil servants, and the services provided must be based, not on political interests, but fair guidelines established by law, equally granted to all. As the whole struggle against Reform and Conservative religious council members has shown, mixing politics and religion usually leads to negative results, both to good government and those who hold religious beliefs.

# Groping in the fog

**MOSHE ZAK**

The election campaign is in full swing. Officially, this is the result of the early-elections legislative initiative by opposition MKs Haim Ramon and Haim Oron, but it was actually sparked by the objections of many coalition members to the Wye Memorandum. The agreement cost Netanyahu his Knesset majority.

On the eve of the Wye conference, Netanyahu claimed that he was willing to take a political gamble and endanger his coalition's stability to achieve a good agreement with the Palestinians that would assure Israel's security. Netanyahu was relying on the safety net offered by Labor Party leaders to implement any agreement he would reach at Wye.

But after the agreement was reached, he soon discovered that he had fallen between the cracks; he had lost some votes of his coalition partners and the votes promised by the opposition.

The Wye agreement hastened the coalition's internal disintegration, as rifts developed between those demanding its complete and immediate implementation, without conditioning it on the Palestinians' fulfilling their commitments, and those calling to totally abandon the Wye agreement. Yitzhak Mordechai led the former group; Benny Begin the latter.

Surprisingly, though, the Wye agreement has not yet become a central issue in the election campaign. In his letters to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Mordechai, US President Bill Clinton did not forget to rub in the importance of the Wye agreement and praise their part in achieving it. But the voters don't seem inclined to debate an outdated accord. After all, under the agreement, the negotiations on the permanent settlement should already have started. But the major parties' stances on the subject of the permanent settlement remain shrouded in mystery.

The elections are meant to be the ultimate opinion poll on all essential issues, great and small. But unfortunately, as we are bombarded, morning, noon, and night, with an increasing number of pre-election opionion polls, we lose the opportunity to make a precise assessment of the public's views, both on questions of religion and state and concerning relations with our neighbors.

When Ronni Milo first raised the centrist party standard, he sharply criticized the clericalization of our society. But when Yitzhak Mordechai was chosen as leader of the party, he not only went to pray at the Western Wall, but also went to kiss Rabbi Ovadia Yosef's hand.

The new party acts like all the old parties; it is trying to be as variegated as possible, to make itself attractive to different groups of voters, religious and anti-religious alike.

Before the crisis that led to the elections, Netanyahu and Ehud Barak conducted talks about establishing a national-unity government. In the 10 secret sessions, agreements were reached on a number of diplomatic issues, including the Golan Heights question.

The Labor Party claimed that there were no serious differences of opinion on territorial compromise on the Golan Heights.

Now the center party comes along and says it wants to renew talks with the Syrians on the basis of territorial compromise. But the new party hasn't made it clear what it means by "compromise." Does it mean that it will refuse negotiations on the basis of a Syrian ultimatum for a full withdrawal to the shores of the Kinneret? It doesn't specify if we should refuse to conduct negotiations if the Syrians refuse any compromise.

MORE complicated are the solutions being proposed in Judea and Samaria. The Hebron and Wye agreements show that the Likud is also ready for territorial compromise. Both parties make withdrawal conditional on Israel's security needs.

But both they and the center party are unable to define the parameters of these security needs. For example, do they refer only to the Etzion and Ariel blocs, or indicate also a firm stand against concessions in the Jordan Valley?

Before the negotiations on the permanent settlement, none of them will reveal a map of their fallback positions. They are only talking about their starting points in the negotiations. Concerning the extent of possible concessions there are differences of opinion, even within the party leaderships.

Only the NRP and Herut at one extreme, and the Communists and Arab parties at the other, have taken clear stands on territorial compromise. The other parties have obscured their positions, and none of them tells the voter what will happen if the Palestinians refuse to accept our generous offers and demand everything.

So the public is unable to express its opinion on their manifestos. Their vague language also serves to conceal the differences of opinion in parties that act like supermarkets, selling a variety of conflicting positions.

Almost all the parties repeat the mantra of "united Jerusalem under eternal Israeli sovereignty." But none of them makes clear what will happen if Jerusalem becomes the only issue preventing the signing of a peace treaty with the Palestinians. Will they be ready to sacrifice this stand for the sake of a formal peace agreement?

Nor do the parties take the trouble to make clear to themselves – let alone the voter – whether the Palestinian state that Shimon Peres is touting as "an essential need of Israel" is the same one that Ariel Sharon is willing to acquiesce, after limiting its powers on security issues, water, and its ability to sign treaties with other countries.

The elections are a great opportunity for the nation to express its opinion on the vital issues, domestic and foreign. And we should not miss the opportunity via nebulous platforms and via questionable, sporadic opinion polls.

# Dry Bones




# Desperately seeking socialists

**DAVID NEWMAN**

It was one of the largest academic conferences to take place here, involving three of Israel's universities, the Friedrich Ebert Foundation and a host of other academic institutions.

It brought some of the leading social-science scholars of the western world to Israel this week, for a three-day marathon in Tel Aviv and Haifa. Among them was Jurgen Habermass, one of the world's most influential social thinkers: Anthony Giddens, the director of the London School of Economics, thought by many to be the political guru of British Prime Minister Tony Blair; Michael Walzer, a leading authority in political theory; and Michel Rocard a foremost thinker on social democracy.

They all came together for a conference entitled "Rethinking the Left"; to discuss social and political trends elsewhere in the world and to allow Israeli academics and politicians to ponder the fate of the Left here at home.

There couldn't be a more relevant discussion taking place in contemporary Israel. If we ever needed proof that the Left has disappeared, then this year's election campaign has provided the evidence. What used to be called the Labor Party, has now become a centrist party of ex-army generals, whose social and welfare policies are non-existent.

Trying to ape Blair's success, Labor Party leader Ehud Barak is trying to give the party a new populist name, moving it even further away from any links it may once have had with issues of social policy.

True, Barak and his social conscience, Shlomo Ben-Ami, have been mouthing social-welfare slogans. But while this is more than either the Likud or the new centrist party has done, one gets the feeling that Labor's commitment to these issues is little more than a pose.

**In Israel, there's no real Left left**

Both the Likud and Labor believe privatization is the wave of the future. It has thus been left for Histadrut leader Amir Peretz to establish a new workers' party.

Initial surveys suggest, however, that he does not have much chance of attracting a large number of votes. Like it or not, in people's minds Peretz is the Histadrut, the Histadrut is the Labor Party, and the Labor Party continues to be the No. 1 enemy for all those who, to this day, resent the cultural rape committed by the Labor governments of the 1950s against their parents and grandparents.

It is, of course, unfashionable to be Left or "liberal" these days. The break-up of the Soviet Union and its corrupt and dictatorial forms of government have become so associated with "the Left" that the world has taken an almost 180° turn. From desiring equality, it now pursues privatization, a form of economic Darwinism, in which the strong survive, while the rest can fall by the wayside.

Social responsibility, the need to care for the underprivileged, a desire to maintain minimum standards of housing, education and employment – all of which, until recently, were considered the basic foundation stones of a civilized society – no longer seem to be in vogue.

Israel's welfare state has not been the disaster many make it out to be. It has succeeded in maintaining minimum standards of living in a country, and a world, where the gap between rich and poor, between capital and labor, grow by the hour.

Yes, there is too much red tape; yes, it has become associated with political graft, largesse and nepotism, and yes, it requires some very basic structural overhauls.

But considering the political, social and economic conditions the country has had to deal with during its first 50 years of statehood, it hasn't done that badly.

BUT today, none of the major parties are promoting a real left-wing social platform. Religious fundamentalism and ethnic sectoralism are in; social values and equality are out. The religious and ethnic parties claim they are there to fight inequality, but they cynically use slogans to this effect to build up their own political power bases in the development towns and poor neighborhoods, much as the Labor Party did in the 1950s and 1960s.

True, social welfare costs money. But in a country where the public purse is never closed to political pressures, this cannot be the real reason for the seeming evaporation of any social conscience.

The simple and sad truth is that the poor continue to be lulled into believing that what will make or break us is whether or not there are territorial compromises on the West Bank. Public debate is thus diverted from Israel's real social problems.

Will Israeli society be able to return to the basic values ofsocial equality? Will it be able to reconcile the values of globalization and privatization with the need for empowerment of the underclass (and there is definitely a growing underclass in Israel) and the maintenance of minimum socioeconomic standards?

Looking at the present government's policies and at the non-existent social manifestos of the myriad of parties already registered for the next elections, the answer is a categoric no.

Perhaps this isn't something that can be done by yesterday's generals, but rather by people who have a real ideological agenda and the will to implement it.

# Sport and scandal

**DAVID IGNATIUS**

A leading candidate for the most arrogant quote of the month (and it's a competitive field, to be sure) is Dick Ebersol, chairman of NBC Sports.

Asked recently about the Olympic bribery scandal, Ebersol blandly replied: "As far as the general public, it goes off their radar screen as soon as the competition and the athletes are on the air.... The guy at home will say, 'When is the downhill coming on?'"

Ebersol has an understandable reason to play down the Olympic scandal. His network spent $3.5 billion a few years ago to purchase the rights to the next five Olympic games – an investment that may turn out to be as prudent as buying lifetime rights to the political wit and wisdom of Newt Gingrich.

Maybe Ebersol is right to assume that sports fans are such captive couch potatoes that they'll watch anything that has the magic five rings attached. But it's also possible that the NBC executive is making the same mistake as the sports plutocrats who stumbled into the 1994 baseball strike and this year's basketball strike. The fans' tolerance is not infinite. At some point, their response to greedy promoters is likely to be: good riddance.

The Olympic bribery scandal may be the clearest example yet of how business is overwhelming sports. The process is out of control: Owners can't restrain themselves from throwing money at players, so they beg for salary caps; players care more about their multimillion-dollar paychecks than playing the game; cities become so desperate to win the games they throw bribes into the outstretched arms of the International Olympic Committee.

One can sympathize with the sports-hungry burghers of Salt Lake City.

Though they've been cast as the villains of the piece, they look more like babes in the woods – avaricious babes, certainly, but no match for the IOC. They had lost out to Nagano, Japan, for the '98 winter games – and this time, they weren't going to be chumps. By the time it was over, the Mormons of Salt Lake City were even handing out free booze.

At the root of this mess is the monopoly power of the organizers. The IOC's control of Olympic-level sports is so complete it would make Microsoft blush.

The monopolies exercised by Major League Baseball, the NFL and the NBA are similarly potent – especially when combined with the billions of dollars in television revenue. What drives the system is the monopolists' confidence that they own the only game in town. The owners pay too much for players, confident that the networks, in turn, will pay too much for broadcast rights and the fans will pay too much for seats.

The money the television networks are paying for sports is staggering – probably beyond anything they can recoup. NBC and Turner paid $2.6 billion in late 1997 for NBA rights through 2002 – an investment whose value has surely been trimmed by the just-ended lockout; CBS, Fox, ESPN and ABC paid $17.6 billion last year for NFL football rights. Even the networks doubt they can make the money back. Instead, they see sports as loss-leaders – brand-name events that will draw viewers to their other programming.

So rapacious has the sports world become that the first thing any new team owner does nowadays is sell the name of the stadium. Candlestick Park in San Francisco becomes 3Com Park, and soon San Francisco will get a new baseball stadium called Pacific Bell Park, named after a telephone company.

The sports plutocrats are betting, as Ebersol says so bluntly, that when it's game time, we'll all shut up and watch the tube. But there are signs that the fans' patience is wearing thin. It took baseball four years – and Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa – to recover from the damage of the strike. It may take basketball nearly that long to recover from this winter's greedfest. For the owners and players, it may indeed be about money – but not for the fans.

As for the Olympic scandal, the fun is just beginning. The European press has begun investigating IOC head Juan Antonio Samaranch and some of his associates – including some roguish characters who, to put it politely, would never make it to the cover of a Wheaties box. Stay tuned, sports fans.

(The Washington Post)

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### HISTORIC OPPORTUNITY

Sir, – In recent months we have seen the political parties in complete disarray even though we are passing through the most critical period in the state's history. Our past history has proven time and again that it is only in times of unity that our ancestors, the inhabitants of Eretz Yisrael, lived in peace and were able to overpower any would-be aggressors. Now is the time to protest against the behavior of those who fail to recognize the damage of their comments and actions which cause disunity and hatred.

At the present time, religious leaders have a real opportunity to make an impact on the general public by demonstrating their authoritative right to point out the great danger in which Israel would find itself, in the immediate future and for generations to come, unless attitudes change and unity is created. They have both a duty and responsibility to the future of Clal Yisrael and the continuity of our Torah standards, morals, and ethics, which have been accepted by the whole civilized world.

The present preoccupation and debate with lesbian and gay rights, religious pluralism, and humanistic Judaism will most certainly not assure the continuity of Am Yisrael, whereas the battle against ignorance of Judaism and the lessons of history will result in the realization of Israel's purpose in world events and its role as a light unto the nations, by example and behavior as outlined in the Torah.

*REUBEN TURNER*
*Hapoel Hamizrahi Federation of Great Britain and N. Ireland*

London.

### CASTIGATE THE PA

Sir, – I take great exception to Adam Keller's letter "Destroying Negotiations" ( January 20) which claims that due to our government's violating the main obligation and timetable of the Wye agreement, our international credit has sunk so low that any future agreement will be deemed totally worthless.

Our government, consequent to Wye, opened the airport in Gaza, released prisoners (albeit not the terrorists the PA had hoped for), and allowed more workers into Israel, among other things.

Why does Keller not castigate the PA for its violations of Oslo, Hebron, and Wye? Each time the PA sold us the same goods, i.e. the PLO Covenant, extraditing terrorists, incitement, collecting weapons, reducing its "police/army." Yes, I know it finally changed the covenant – big deal after three agreements! It also jailed Hamas activists, but then released them in a revolving-door policy, the last time only a few days ago. Keller seems to be totally blind to the PA's faults. How high is its international credibility?

The one thing our government keeps on saying is "reciprocity" and when that occurs, I am convinced we shall see the Wye agreement go forward.

*JUDITH PRAGER*

Petah Tikva.

### BLACK GOLD

Sir, – Amotz Asa-El states "Misha's last battle." (January 15) that Moshe Arens was wrong in arguing in 1978 that the surrender of Sinai's oil wells to Egypt was unaffordable. It is Asa-El who is wrong: Had Israel retained possession of the oil wells and developed them, including those off-shore, as we surely would have done, Israel would have saved the gigantic sum of $60 billion over the past 21 years, apart from the additional billions we would have earned by exporting the black gold. What could we not have achieved in education, health, absorption of new immigrants, housing, and defense with these vast amounts?

Asa-El compounds his error when he writes that Israel, in 1978, "gained a priceless strategic asset in the form of a demilitarized Sinai, a buffer zone which makes it pretty much impossible for Egypt to launch a Yom Kippur-style attack, should it someday renege on its commitment to peace" – a distinct possibility which Asa-El, too, appears to envisage. How many hours will it take Egypt to obliterate the "strategic asset," the demilitarized Sinai?

*ZEPHANIAH KAHALANI*

Jerusalem.

## FROM OUR ARCHIVES

*50 years ago:* On January 27, 1949, *The Palestine Post* reported that in the elections to the Constituent Assembly in which 21 lists participated, Mapai won about 35, United Religious 14, Mapam 13 and Herut 11 per cent of the vote. The remaining 27 per cent of the vote was divided among smaller parties.

*25 years ago:* On January 27, 1974, *The Jerusalem Post* reported that Israeli convoys, trucks loaded with military equipment, started to move out from the captured Egyptian positions on the western side of the Suez Canal in the first stage of the Israeli withdrawal to the lines agreed upon in the separation-of-forces accord.

*Alexander Zvielli*

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# Toads and tadpoles

Disk-covery

By Judy Siegel-Itzkovich

*Frogger, a CD-ROM by Hasbro Interactive, distributed by Bug Multisystem, Windows 95 and up required, for all ages, NIS 199*
*Rating:* ★★★★½

Raining frogs like the second plague in Egypt, this program – which demands superior eye-hand coordination – separates the toads from the tadpoles. You have to be very good with your fingers on the keyboard arrow keys or the buttons on a gamepad to metamorphose yourself from a green beginner to a cunning, croaking expert in this enjoyable program.

*Frogger* began sometime in the Eighties as an electronic arcade game. It was two-dimensional and very primitive, requiring the user to press buttons to get a little frog across a busy street without being run over by passing traffic.

But this program has been spawned by Hasbro Interactive into colorful 3-D animation, requiring the player to survive nine totally different games, with a total of 35 levels of difficulty.

There is no text in the program at all, except for "Game Over" when your frog dies or if you want to set the options: These include the possibility of four users playing simultaneously on a single keyboard using different keys or having a network game via a local area network (LAN) at work or via the Internet with strangers on the other side of the world.

THE program begins with a tower of colored blocks, each with a symbol of the theme. At the top of the pile is the "retro" game, the street-crossing challenge.

With available time limited, you have to press keys to get the green frog past cars and trucks speeding from both directions along five lanes, then hop onto the back of a turtle and atop floating logs and then hit one of the little red, yellow or blue frogs on the other bank to win.

In all likelihood, your frog will go *splat* on the asphalt until you hone your skills. The player is allotted four "lives" before the game ends.

The next game, called "Lily Islands," requires the frog to hitchhike on lily pads and other floating matter to safety. In "Honey Bee Hobby," the frog is pursued by bees as it makes its way to the end of the forest. "Scorching Switches" places the frog in a factory full of swinging gears and pendulums, and if it misses its connection, it broils on a floor of hot lava.

In "Dark, Dark Caverns," our emerald-hued hero has to avoid tarantula spiders that suddenly appear in the night.

My favorite was "Frogger Goes Skiing," in which you maneuver the amphibian down a meandering ski slope, trying to avoid sudden death from poison spiders and falling off the sides to the precipice while the clock ticks away the seconds.

*Pathways Through Jerusalem, a CD-ROM in English, produced by SuperVision of Jerusalem (now owned by Softkey in the US), distributed by BT Marketing (fax 02-65668-14), for Windows 3.1 and above, available from The Jerusalem Post Book Department for NIS 59 plus NIS 9 postage and handling, for all ages.*
*Rating:* ★★★★☆

SOME things deserve a second look, and this program is one of them.

When this CD-ROM was first launched in the summer of 1996 – at a lavish buffet dinner sponsored by SuperVision on the grounds of David's Citadel in Jerusalem – it bombed. I was a witness.

The organizers erred by inviting the wrong audience: It should have been Christian ministers and pilgrims, tour operators and travel agents, instead of Jewish media people from Jerusalem, most of whom know the city too well to appreciate a digital tour.

In addition, guests, including reviewers, were presented with a demonstration disk that did a poor job of mirroring the seriousness of the material and high quality of the program's photos.

But now, with a major influx of Christian tourists expected to arrive in 2000 and 2001, *Pathways Through Jerusalem* could be an excellent means of sparking interest in visiting Jerusalem, getting tourists here and helping them recall their experiences when they return home.

There are nine human guides to the city's various eras: the ancient Jewish, Christian, Moslem and Ottoman periods since the city was founded by David in the year 1000 BCE, followed by modern Jewish, Christian and Moslem aspects.

The guides are all actors morphed into photographs of Jerusalem's historical and archeological sites and contemporary scenes, and they blend in very well with the background.

King David is portrayed by a roly-poly Kol Yisrael Yiddish department journalist with a British accent wearing flowing yellow robes; King Herod by a bald man with a Brooklyn accent (much inferior to my own); the Christian Queen Helena by a grandmotherly type and so on.

I would much have preferred the program to be completely serious, without the jokes. For example, King David stands at the end of his tour in front of the hotel named for him and says: "You can tell them I sent you" and pulls out a folding photo album of his children to look for "Solomon, the smart one, the one with the wives...."

Herod speaks about what happened in the "foyst century" and shows off a *mikve* saying, "Those Jews certainly had a thing for baths!"; and Helena, on a tour of the Cardo market, says she's "fresh out of frankincense."

Tammar and Daniella (Jews), Azziz (a Moslem) and Raphael (a Christian) show users around "their" respective parts of the Old City without making jokes.

Beyond the style of some of the guides, the content of the disk is excellent.

The photos of the Old City and its sights are wonderful, and there are icons to click for source material from the Jewish and Christian Bibles, legends, background on archeological discoveries, and a handful of video clips showing the Jewish Quarter's capture in 1948, its recapture in 1967 and praying at the Western Wall.

There is a database with hundreds of items that can be clicked to get text for printing out. A time line shows numerous entries in Jewish, Christian and Moslem history relating to Jerusalem, putting things in perspective. A Time Morph icon appears whenever a site is discussed by more than one guide, so one can see how the different religions related to it.

Many religious Jews, sadly, would probably avoid the program so as not to be exposed to material on Jesus and Mohammed, but open-minded ones wouldn't mind (the distributor says a disk with Jewish-only material can be produced "if there is enough demand").

The contemporary guides should also have presented scenes from *new* Jerusalem, as focusing only on the Old City could give the impression that camels – rather than cars – are the main means of transportation around Israel's capital.

# Kids can do more than they think

Single mother Kathy Williams created the Can Family to help kids boost their self-esteem. Now they're characters in a book, and a song and video are in the works. **Desson Howe** reports



Williams reads to pupils from her 'can-do' book: Her characters tell their friends, 'You can do anything you want to in life. All you have to do is try.' (The Washington Post)

For most parents, raising a child's self-esteem can be a difficult, painfully private ordeal. Kathy Williams has transformed this parental quandary into a one-person inspirational business.

She recently shared her "can-do" attitude with 37 seventh-graders at Thomas Johnson Middle School in this Washington suburb.

They listened intently as Williams, 39, described how her son and daughter were teased when they were young. Larry had weight problems and could not make the football team, Williams said. And daughter Masica was diagnosed with diabetes at age 10.

Now Masica, 17, gives herself insulin injections twice daily and plans to be a contract lawyer.

Larry, 18, has long since lost that weight, became a linebacker for Riverdale Baptist School and is trying to get a football scholarship at college.

And Williams, who helped inspire her children with stories featuring characters made out of soda and soup cans, has been using their success to inspire other children – and sell books to their parents.

ON the desk in front of her are six food cans, whimsically decorated with pipe cleaners for arms and white foam balls for eyes – the stars of Williams' fantasy world, which she has evoked in a self-published storybook and coloring books, and on posters and T-shirts.

"Do you know what self-esteem is? Anybody?" she asked. A girl raised her hand.

"Believing in yourself or something," she said.

"A lot of it is having a positive attitude about yourself," Williams said. "You might not think you can do it, but once you start checking into it, it's easier than you think it is."

Williams read from her book, *The Can Family*. In it, a Fairy God Can rescues old soup and soda cans bound for the recycling factory, brings them to life and helps them escape to Can Land, where the buildings, homes and cars are shaped like cans.

There, Mama and Papa Can have two can children (courtesy of the Stork Can) named Masica and Larry.

Masica Can has big, beautiful hazel eyes. Larry Can is 1.2 meters tall and chubby.

The two become popular among the can children and enjoy swimming, biking, basketball, soccer, baseball – in short, many of the things Williams' children felt excluded from.

They tell their friends, "You can do anything you want to in life. All you have to do is try."

It's a philosophy that Williams, a single mother, lives by. She's a US Capitol police officer by day and a jazz disc jockey one red-eyed morning a week. She's been an Air National Guard reservist two days a month for 13 years and is on the National Guard's pistol-shooting team.

Her spare time is devoted to her Can People dream: "To see them on TV as a weekly cartoon, really get them out there and have them become a household name like Donald Duck."

WILLIAMS first doodled her can characters in 1995, then wrote a book based on them. She self-published the book in June and estimates she's sold 500 at $6.95 since then. Also in the works are a Can Family song and an animated video.

She sells the book and T-shirts at local bookstores, as well as at craft shows or special events such as the school visit in Lanham.

There at the middle school, after Williams finished reading, seventh-grader Antoin Washington asked her, "What made you turn cans into people?"

"I was sitting up one night and they just came to me," Williams replied.

"Are your books in the stores, and are they making lots of money?" pressed Antoin.

Williams chuckled, "I'm making more selling shirts than books."

And she ended the question-and-answer session with a trademark aphorism: "Success comes in cans and failure comes in can'ts." (The Washington Post)

# Cooling down a child's 'hot thinking'

Parenting

By Ruth Mason

Do you ever wish you could be a fly on the wall in your children's school, whispering tips about appropriate social behavior, helping them avoid the pain of being left out of a game or being picked last for the team?

We can't provide you with that magic, but we can offer some excellent advice from Martin Seligman, Ph.D, author of *The Optimistic Child* (Harper Perennial, 1996).

The book addresses the ways parents can encourage their children to develop positive outlooks, how they can help a depressed child and teach their children to understand and interpret the social events around them more accurately.

Seligman claims that children with good social and problem-solving skills make and maintain friends more easily. And he says it is possible for parents to teach their children these skills rather than just leaving it to chance.

Children with poor social skills may misinterpret other children's motives and react quickly and uncritically. Seligman calls this "hot thinking" – hot and biased instead of cool and thought-out.

In order to get your child to think in a "cool" rather than "hot" way, Seligman suggests teaching your child to slow down his thinking process. You can start by reading the following scenario to your child.

"You are standing in line at the drinking fountain. There are five kids behind you, waiting their turn.

"Two kids at the back of the line are playing around and they bump into the person in front of them. That boy falls into Ariel, who is standing behind you. Ariel bumps into you while you are drinking from the fountain, and you get your face pushed into the water.

"Now, you didn't see all this happen, because you were drinking the water. All you know for sure is that Ariel bumped into you, and your face is all wet."

Then, ask your child to be like Sherlock Holmes and make a list of all the reasons why his face might have gotten wet. Explain that the way he handles the situation depends on what he thinks.

"Tell him that the first step in being an "ace problem solver" is to "stop and think" before he takes any action. When he finishes making the list – either verbally or in writing – ask him what he would do if he believed each reason he listed to be true.

THE idea is to help your child replace "hot thoughts" with "cool thoughts." Hot thoughts are those that come to mind immediately.

Children who have a lot of hot thoughts believe that when a problem happens between them and someone else, the other person is to blame and did it on purpose.

Hot thoughts lead us to react impulsively, before we really understand what happened in a given situation. Cool thoughts are those that help us consider all the available information in order to figure out what happened. They slow us down where hot thoughts speed us up. Reacting out of hot thoughts often makes matters worse.

To get more practice at differentiating between hot and cool thinking, read your child some of the following and ask him which are the hot thoughts and which the cool ones, and where he thinks each thought would lead.

1. Ziv is playing soccer at recess and someone kicks the ball and it hits him real hard right in the face. He thinks:

A. What happened? Was that an accident, or is Yonatan trying to start something?

B. He did that on purpose! I'm gonna get him. He's gonna wish he never messed with me.

2. Adi leaves three messages for her friend to call her back as soon as she gets in. Adi's friend doesn't call all evening. Adi thinks:

A. Why isn't she calling me? I wonder if she's mad at me? Or maybe she forgot to listen to the answering machine. Or maybe her brother played the messages and didn't tell her I called.

B. She's being mean. She's just acting like she doesn't know I called.

3. Ben is supposed to meet his friend at the mall at 3:30. He waits for half an hour, but his friend doesn't show up. Ben thinks:

A. Figures. Jonah is such a creep. He's supposed to be my best friend, but he's always jerking me around like this. I'm not gonna take this anymore!

B. What's the deal? This really sucks. If he just decided not to come. I'm gonna be really annoyed. Maybe he got into trouble or something. I'll call him later to find out what happened.

AFTER your child has practised identifying hot and cool thoughts, he's ready for a game of "hot seat."

Tell your child about a problem that might happen to someone his age. Then read him a hot thought someone could have in that situation and ask him to come up with a cool one.

Here are some examples – or you can make up your own:

1. You arrive at the corner where you are supposed to meet your friends to walk to school. None of them is there. You wait five more minutes, but they still don't come.
Hot thought: They ditched me!

2. You are waiting in line in a store. The store clerk waits on the man standing behind you before he waits on you.
Hot thought: He hates kids.

3. You want to play on the soccer team. When you walk onto the field on the first day of practice, you hear all the other kids laugh.
Hot though: They're making fun of me.

4. You let your sister borrow a tape that you borrowed from your friend. You tell her that you need it back by 3 because you promised to take it to your friend's house. It's 3:15 and your sister and the tape are nowhere to be found.
Hot thought: She's trying to get me in trouble.

Remember, there are many right answers for each situation. Your goal is to get your child thinking. If she comes up with a hot thought, ask her how she would act if she believed that thought.

Then help her come up with a cool thought that would allow her to keep an open mind about the problem.

Next week: more on social skills.

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Gardener's Corner



# Camellia: Nobility's favorite flower

By Batsheva Mink

Camellias are one of the most beautiful flowering evergreen shrubs, making a tremendous impact upon gardens in all temperate parts of the world. They are a perfect example of a classic garden plant and often referred to as the shrub equivalent of an orchid.

The exotic, waxy flowers catch the eye of gardener and non-gardener alike. When the camellia outside my front door is in full bloom during the cold winter months, passersby ask what it is and say, "It can't be a rose: it's the wrong time of the year for roses."

When everything else has either finished flowering or not yet started to flower, along come the camellias to brighten up the dull days of winter.

The camellia belongs to the famous plant family that gives us all those wonderful cups of tea (*Theaceae*). It has enjoyed a long and colorful history in the Far East. Over 1,000 years ago, Buddhist monks in China were pursuing the gentle art of growing camellias and painting their blooms.

In ancient times, both Japanese and Chinese works of art depicted the camellia blooms on paintings, porcelain and lacquer ware. Old Japanese manuscripts describe and depict camellias in lavish detail. The first horticultural descriptions of camellias were written in 1630 by the Buddhist priest Sakuden.

The camellia was the favorite flower of Chinese nobility and there is a custom to have white camellia flowers at weddings, as a symbol of longevity. This is based on the plant's ability to live to a great age.

The camellia was favored by Japanese samurai warriors as it symbolized fair play, faithfulness and valor.

Generally speaking, all camellias are native to Japan, southwest China, Indochina and various islands neighboring these countries. There are approximately 200 species, of which three are commonly cultivated and are the parents of many of the newer varieties.

THE plant was named after George Joseph Kamel by the great botanist Carl Linnaeus. Kamel was a Jesuit missionary as well as a plant collector in the Philippines during the 17th century.

It is unknown why Linnaeus named the plant after Kamel as it is unlikely that he ever set eyes on one of these plants. Kamel died in 1706, the year before Linnaeus was born, and Linnaeus honored him by naming for him the genus *Camellia* in 1735.

It is interesting to note how the camellia arrived in the west. During the early 17th century, merchant ships made many perilous journeys to China to buy tea, with the equally perilous journey home with the valuable cargo. The Chinese would only trade in the actual dried tea leaves and not the plants.

One such buyer persuaded the Chinese merchants to sell him some tea plants so that they could be planted in Europe. They agreed but little did the skipper know that the cunning merchants had sold him *Camellia japonica* (Heb. *camellia*) plants rather the famous tea plant *Camellia sinensis*.

Only when they produced magnificent blooms was the hoax discovered. Although it is a very valuable commercial plant, the camellia that gives us our tea (*C. sinensis*) is not prized for any aesthetic qualities, but merely for its leaves.

At first, camellias were not fully understood. Botanists and growers considered the plants to be frail as they looked so exotic, like orchids, and therefore were grown inside hot stuffy glass-houses. This put them within reach of only the wealthy gardeners and plant collectors.

At the end of the 18th century, it was discovered that the camellia could be grown outside. When gardeners realized this, the demand grew rapidly and the number of species in cultivation increased from a handful to over 300 different kinds.

By the mid-19th century the camellia became the most prized ornamental shrub.







When it looks like a rose but isn't, it's a camellia, the shrub equivalent of an orchid.

IN its native home, it can be found growing in woodlands on sloping, well-drained land, thriving in a temperate area with fairly high humidity and ample rainfall. In the wild, this evergreen tree grows from eight to 12 meters tall with dense, shapely, shiny, thick, dark-green leaves and covered with scented flowers in red, pink or white. Generally the cultivated forms are scentless.

The flowering season is from December through to April. The only downside is the flowering takes place during rainy weather which often spoils the blooms.

Camellias are not difficult to grow if you understand their requirements.

**Light:** A sheltered site or an area near trees. Camellias enjoy dappled shade but will tolerate a more open position if shaded for part of the day. Strong early morning sun on cold wet flowers can cause them to drop off.

**Soil:** Many of us do not have ideal soil, that is, moist, well-drained and containing plenty of humus (organic compost). Camellias seem to be able to adjust quite well to soil conditions that are far from ideal, but we should not test them to the limit. Much can be done to improve an unsuitable site.

Camellias prefer light rather than heavy soil.

All camellias dislike lime and chalk in the soil. Many parts of Israel have soil which is high in alkali. Soil preparation is important as many areas do not have soil suitable for camellias. If changing the soil does not help they may have to be grown in specially prepared pots.

Most garden soil can be improved by mixing into it liberal amounts of peat moss, volcanic rock and organic compost. Camellias will tolerate a certain amount of lime in the soil as long as the area is well drained.

**Planting:** The planting hole for camellias should be one meter wide and 50 cm deep.

Put a layer of volcanic rock at the bottom of the hole. The soil that was taken out of the planting hole should be mixed with plenty of peat moss and humus. A good mixture is 40% soil, 50% peat moss and 10% humus in the planting hole.

Do not plant the camellia too deep – one or two centimeters deeper than the original soil level is sufficient. Replace the soil mixture all around and gently firm it in.

**Watering:** Pay special attention to watering during the midsummer months. A dry spell can cause the buds to drop, resulting in fewer flowers or none at all in the winter. Keep the soil moist.

**Pruning:** It should not be necessary to prune during the first 10 years of growth. If pruning is necessary, it should be done right after flowering, before the new growth begins. The following year's flowers are produced behind those of previous years.

Tall leggy branches can be pruned back, at the price of losing some flowers for a year or two. Deadheading should be done as the petals fade, to stop energy being wasted on setting seed.

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*Your gardening questions and comments are welcome. Contact Batsheva Mink, POB 3943, Jerusalem 91039.*

**TIP OF THE WEEK**

Camellias grow very well in containers, the ideal solution where the soil in your area is not suitable. The only drawback to containers is that it is easier to overwater the plants. So make sure the drainage is good.

Your containers can be brought into the spotlight during flowering time and then placed to play a supporting role for the rest of the year.

Make sure the soil mixture has plenty of peat moss, compost and a small layer of volcanic stones placed in the bottom of the container.

Camellias make long-lasting cut flowers for table decoration.





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Heads 'N' Tails



# The pup that chews everything over

By D'vora Ben Shaul

A reader has the following complaint: Her six-month-old puppy has a habit of eating anything it finds – including birds, feathers, hair, glass, rubber bands and the excrement of other animals. It also constantly licks the cracks between the floor tiles.

The pup is given a balanced diet: a kibbled food for pups and fresh water. The veterinarian says this is something the pup will outgrow.

Is there anything else to be done?

The reader should be reassured: The veterinarian is absolutely right!

Puppies are notorious for chewing on things.

Just as toddlers will touch and grasp at every item within reach, so a dog takes everything into its mouth, which is its principal sensory avenue. It is simply making an effort to get acquainted with its environment.

As a dog gets older it becomes more familiar with things around it. It thus has less of a need to explore, and the "straight to the mouth" syndrome eases up.

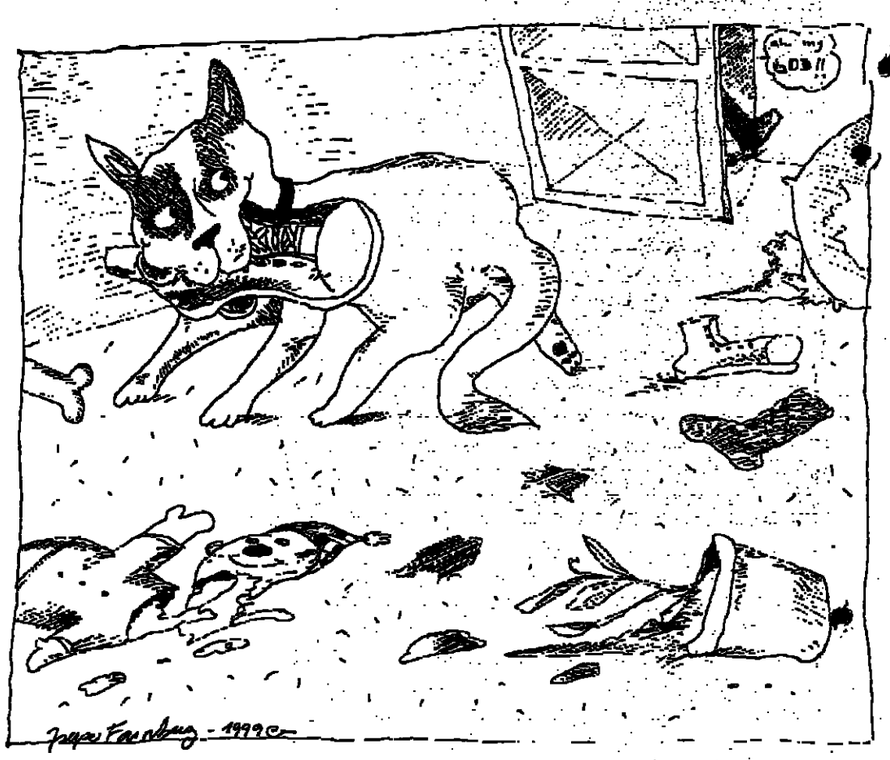
Certain breeds are, it is true, more avid chewers of carpets, shoes, clothing, books and toys than others. Young German shepherds and terriers are the champions. But some individual dogs of other breeds also have this tendency to an exaggerated degree.

A few years ago it was customary to X-ray the hips of pups of certain breeds at the age of six months, to try and weed out those with hip dysplasia. In doing so one usually got a picture of the stomach and intestines as well.

It was amazing to everyone to find out just what puppies were capable of ingesting. Observers reported everything from nails to small toys.

Surprisingly, none of these pups seemed to suffer any ill consequences from these objects; most of them passed through the digestive tract without any ado.

The exception seems to be synthetic materials such as kitchen sponges, which do cause a lot of trouble and may result in intestinal obstructions, sometimes fatal.



THE pup in question, however, seems to have an exaggerated case of the chewing syndrome. It is hard to know what causes it. (The licking at the cracks between floor tiles is reminiscent of children who eat soil or plaster.)

There could be a dietary problem: the dog might be lacking some mineral element. This can happen even when the diet is satisfactory and can be due to the animal's failure to absorb certain minerals properly. Certainly a good vitamin-mineral supplement could do no harm.

The habit of eating excreta from other animals and birds is not remarkable and not of any real consequence. It's more of an aesthetic problem than a serious one.

By and large, I would guess that this pup is suffering from nothing more serious than boredom. Its human family may be away most of the day at work or school and the pup, left alone, consoles itself by chewing everything from carpets to curtains.

Usually a dog does outgrow such behavior, and by a year-and-a-half or so it has settled down. But some dogs do not outgrow this stage and remain a problem for years.

Training isn't always the answer either, although a dog can learn to avoid certain items. If one is lucky, a dog's chewing stage passes; if not, everything continues to be grist for its mill.

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# Who'll be Hollywood's lucky 50?

The American Film Institute, hoping to sustain public awareness in the nation's storied film history and raise money to offset cuts in arts funding, has announced plans to honor the 50 greatest American screen legends of the past century.

The actors – 25 men and 25 women – will be chosen from a list of nominees dating back to the early 1900s. The names will be unveiled by 50 of today's current stars during a prime-time special on CBS this June called "AFI's 100 Years ... 100 Stars."

In making its announcement, the AFI produced a list of 500 nominees – half men and half women – who have graced the big screen in years past. Some of the nominees are already considered legends such as John Wayne, Spencer Tracy, Bette Davis and Jean Harlow. But others are names many Americans might not have heard of, such as Gilbert M. "Bronco Billy" Anderson, who made his screen debut in 1903 in *The Messenger Boy's Mistake*.

The "100 Years ... 100 Stars" program will come one year after the AFI conducted a similar show on CBS to choose the 100 greatest films of the past century. That list invited blistering criticism for omitting – among others – Buster Keaton's silent comedies, the dance movies of Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers, the films of director Preston Sturges and Greta Garbo's movies. Instead, the list was heavily weighted toward more recent movies.

AFI Board Chairman Tom Pollock conceded that any attempt to select the top 50 American screen legends will likely trigger controversy as well. "People are as passionate about movie stars as they are films," Pollock said.

But he welcomed the public debate if it gets people talking about films.

"We saw the '100 Years ... 100 Movies' last year as a big success because it got people to talk about what are the greatest movies as opposed to what was the No. 1 movie at the box office this week," Pollock said.

For its "100 Stars" ballot, the AFI defines an "American screen legend" as an actor or a team of actors with a significant screen presence in American feature-length films whose screen debut occurred in or before 1950, or whose screen debut occurred after 1950 but whose death has marked a completed body of work.

By that criteria, deceased actors such as John Belushi, James Dean, Grace Kelly, Steve McQueen and Elvis Presley are eligible. Meanwhile, 13 actors who had their screen debuts in the 1950 cut-off year will be eligible. They include such names as Marlon Brando and Sophia Loren.

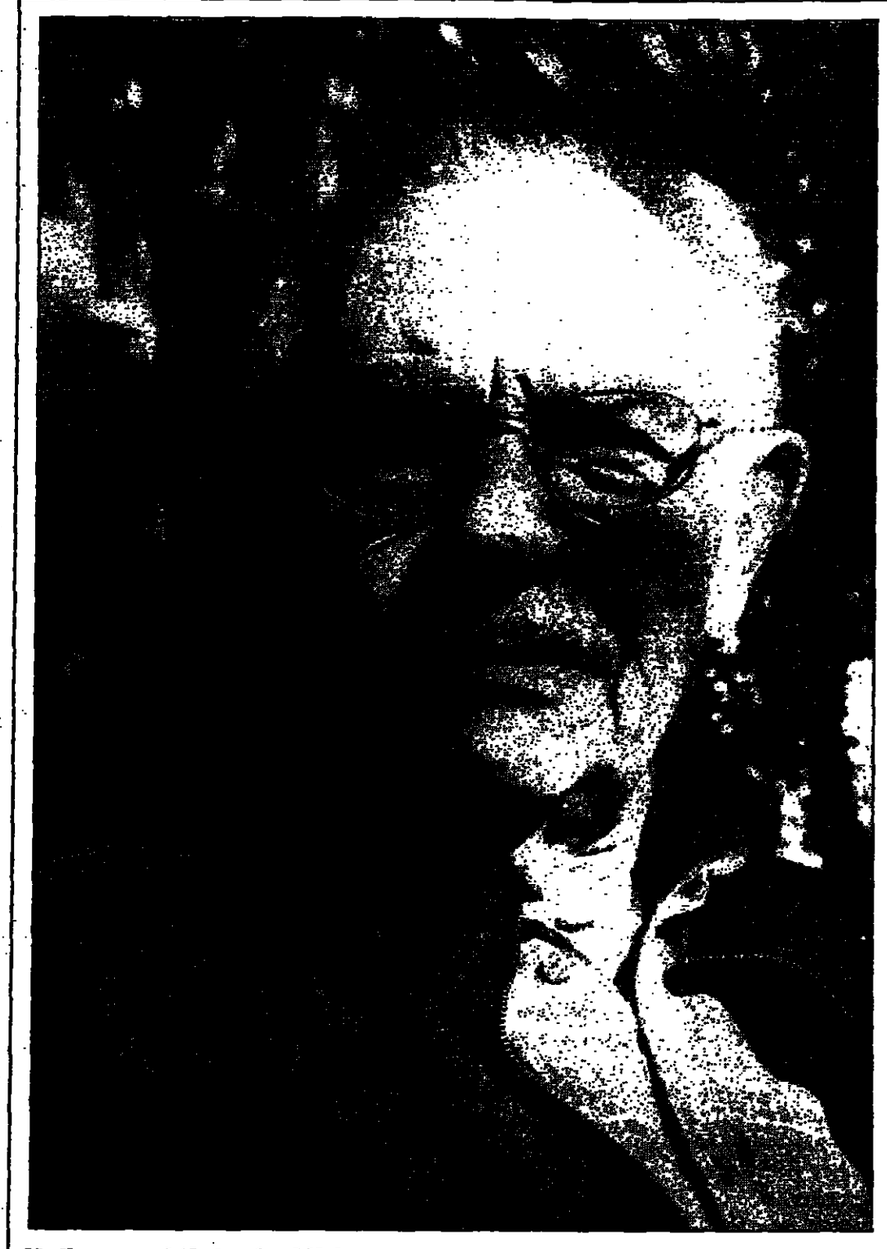
However, current box-office stars such as Tom Cruise, Jim Carrey, Harrison Ford, Julia Roberts and Sandra Bullock are not eligible, although many of the bigger stars will be recruited as hosts for the AFI's show.

AFI President Jean Picker Firstenberg stressed that the institute is not seeking the 50 most famous movie stars of all time. Instead, judges will be asked to vote on a set of criteria that includes star quality, craft, legacy, popularity and historical context.

The AFI will send the list of nominees to more than 1,800 members of the film community. The nominees were selected by AFI's film historians. (AP)

**CANCELLATION NOTICE**

[illegible], the Greek dance company Edafos's performances scheduled for January 28 and 30 in [illegible]



**Yadin named 'Actor for Life'**

**The Cameri Theater has named Yossi Yadin Actor for Life, the first time such an accolade has been awarded. Yadin, 79, has been with the Cameri since 1946 and is still going strong. Currently he's appearing as old Saul in 'The Rebels' and in the two-hander 'Halperin and Johnson.' He reckons that he's performed more than 11,000 shows, playing a variety of roles from Tevye in 'Fiddler on the Roof' to Willy Loman in 'Death of a Salesman.' More recently he lent dignity to the role of Rabbi Fuchs in 'Fleisher' and played another rabbi in Agnon's 'Yesterdays.' President Ezer Weizman and his wife Reuma will be among the many gathered to honor Yadin at the ceremony on February 5 at the Tel Aviv Sheraton.** (Photo: Gideon Markowicz. Text: Helen Kaye)

# *Robert Shaw dies*

Robert Shaw, who as leader of the Robert Shaw Chorale and the Atlanta Symphony and Chorus raised the art of choral conducting to new heights, died this week. He was 82.

Shaw died Monday morning at a hospital in New Haven, Connecticut, where he had been to see his son in a play at Yale University. He had suffered a stroke Sunday night, said Meredith Harris, spokeswoman for the symphony.

Shaw first gained fame as conductor of the Robert Shaw Chorale, which he founded in the late '40s. He also held posts at the San Diego Symphony and Cleveland Orchestra. He was appointed music director and conductor of the Atlanta Symphony in 1967, keeping the post until his retirement in 1988.

He won 14 Grammy awards, and his latest album, with works from Barber, Bartok and Vaughan Williams, had been nominated for a 1999 Grammy for classical albums.

At the time of his death, he held the titles of Atlanta Symphony music director emeritus and conductor laureate.

In the '50s and '60s, the Robert Shaw Chorale made records for RCA Victor and toured extensively, including goodwill tours to Europe, the Middle East, South America and the Soviet Union.

"When we went to Russia, we took 30 singers and 25 instrumentalists," he recalled in a 1991 Associated Press interview. "We did Bach's 'B Minor Mass.' Russia was officially an atheist state and I remember the most extraordinary thing in Moscow. It was broadcast, including half an hour of applause at the end."

Besides his son Thomas, survivors include two other sons, Peter and John; a daughter, Johanna Shaw; a stepson; a sister; and a brother. (AP)

# The Spanish guitar in all its glory

**CLASSIC DISCS**

By MICHAEL ATZENSTADT

The Musica Espanola series from Decca features a dozen albums encompassing the entire gamut of Spanish music styles.

The most Spanish instrument of all is obviously the guitar. And *Guitar Music II* (Decca 433 935-2) features eight guitarists who manage to ignite the imagination.

The very popular *Concierto de Aranjuez*, played by Carlos Bonell, is always a pleasure to listen to, but the real gems here come from the music of Albeniz, Segovia, Eduardo Sainz de la Maza, De Falla, Turina, Torroba and many others. The music is grouped by composer and not by performer here, which enables us to compare the way various guitarists play the works of specific composers. This album shows off the guitar in all its glory and presents Spanish classical guitar music performed in a most exciting and invigorating way.

THOSE interested in so-called traditional indigenous music will no doubt enjoy every minute of *Liberty Tree: Early American Music 1776-1861* (Erato 3984-21668-2) as performed by Joel Cohen's Boston Camerata.

Cohen and his ensemble take the audience on a musical journey that contains more than a few delectable gems. The 26 relatively short numbers on this disc, which range from "Yankee Doodle" to "The Blue Bells of Scotland" and other milestones of folk music are a great joy to listen to.

The connection between folk, classical and jazz can also be savored in *Gustav Mahler/Uri Caine: Urlicht/Primal Light* (New Edition Winter & Winter 910 004-2).

This is 72 minutes of Mahler-inspired jazz that Caine composed to accompany Franz Winter's silent movie about the life of Mahler.

The music is much more than incidental film music or coincidental Mahler improvisations. It suggests a fine professional hand which can mesh Mahler with the jazz musical aesthetics of our time.

COMPOSER John Tavener's music is in more than one way the perfect synthesis between the traditions of the past (baroque and early music) and those of this day and age. The 55-year-old British composer has managed to bring young audiences into the concert hall through his hypnotizing, soothing and very prolific musical language.

Tavener does not try to create a new musical style. Rather he enjoys elaborating on the past in a perceptive, penetrating and contemplative way.

*Tears of the Angels* (Linn CKD 085) is one of the most touching Tavener discs around, in which Clio Gould leads the BT Scottish Ensemble in three Tavener classics, *Depart in Peace*, *My Gaze is Ever Upon You* and *Tears of the Angels*. It is excellently performed and provides a first-rate introduction to the music of a composer for whom romanticism is a legitimate source for a deeper musical sensation.

Those opting for more traditional classical music will enjoy Willem Mengelberg's soothing and pensive rendition of *Brahms' German Requiem* (Dante LYS 099) recorded in 1940 with the Concertgebouw Orchestra in Amsterdam.

Mengelberg leads the orchestra, choir and soloists in a most deep, Germanic reading of the score, without leaning too heavily on classicism and enabling the musicians throughout to breathe in between sentences and phrases in a most relaxing manner.

Another Dante treasure reveals composer Richard Strauss as a first-rate conductor (*L'Heritage de Richard Strauss*, Vol. 1, Dante LYS 118).

Conducting the orchestra of the Berlin Staatsoper in both *Don Quixote* and *Don Juan*, Strauss delves deep into his own music and projects all its beauty and inner subtleties with charm and elan.

The orchestra is superb, and the recording sound – as is usual with Dante – is first-rate.

The newest addition to the Bach Edition of Hanssler is an organ disc (*Organ Works, Late Works from the Leipzig Period*, Martin Lucker, Hanssler Bach Edition 100) in which the organist draws gloriously full sound from the Katharinenkirche organ in Frankfurt.

His intriguing rendition of the ricercar from the *Musical Offering*, for example, is both exemplary and exciting.

Organ music can become all too academic and detached, but Lucker, a first-rate musician, plays the organ as if it was a full modern symphony orchestra. Most recommended.

# BBC's 'The Lakes' offers irony and intrigue



**Danny (John Simm) leaves the grime of Liverpool for what he hopes is a new life in "The Lakes."**

By BARRY DAVIS

If you're looking for spectacular landscape shots, romantic intrigue and a liberal offering of earthy humor then Channel 1's new BBC series, *The Lakes* (today, 10:05 p.m.), should be just your British cup of tea.

Set primarily in the gloriously unspoilt beauty of England's Lake District, *The Lakes* tells the story of Danny (John Simm), an unemployed but bright young man with a gambling addiction who, after trying his long-suffering parents' patience once too often, decides on a fresh start. Leaving the drab terraced houses of his native Liverpool behind, he boards a bus for the wide open spaces of the countryside, and the scene is set for an adventure that will change his life forever.

The series – created by an award-winning production team including writer Jimmy McGovern (a recent recipient of the Bafta Best Single Drama award for *Hillsborough* and writer of *Cracker*) and director David Blair (Best Drama Series Bafta Award winner for *Taking Over the Asylum*) – is not your run-of-the-mill London or Southern England-based drama. Judging by the staple offering of British TV exports, it sometimes seems the BBC and the other British television companies are intent on presenting Britain, geographically and culturally, as ending at the northern reaches of Greater London.

*The Lakes*, with its typically earthy northern British humor and wry philosophy of life, makes for a refreshing change. The series' creators have exploited the exquisite aesthetic value of the geographical location to the full, and there are several starkly surreal-looking scenes which give the impression of having been lifted straight out of an illustration of a poem by Tennyson or Shelley, or one of the other English Romantics.

In one scene, we see our young anti-hero Danny rowing his inamorata across the most pristine and quintessentially romantic of lakes through the shimmering mists of an early English summer's morning. But, instead of a bustle-bound, parasol-bearing genteel lady and an equally aristocratic gentleman as an escort, the occupants of the rowing boat are a young man who speaks in coarse Liverpudlian brogue and a young woman with an equally "uncultured" local accent that would probably have had Lord Byron turning in his gilt-edged grave.

The story unfolds seamlessly, and the pace gathers in leaps and bounds, as we enter the lives of a disparate bunch of young men and women living life to the full as their hormonal drive and relentless quest for adventure take them on a roller coaster of casual sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll. But, all this youthful ebullience and jollity is, after all, taking place in the archetypal small village where the local community is suffused with gossip, intrigue and not a little hypocrisy. The local priest tends to turn a blind eye to the hanky-panky going on between a married woman and the chef at the local hotel, but what of his own relations with a similarly spoken-for lady of the local community? Family vignettes reveal a typically British mix of parental attempts to maintain law and order, while their teenage offspring search for an outlet for their adolescent passion. One of the characters, a young Scot working at the local hotel, even acts as a conduit for the viewers' thoughts as he expresses his observations of developments in the role of a sort of disinterested narrator.

There's plenty of trouble afoot amid the calm of the surrounding landscapes as tragedy looms on the horizon, and the community is torn asunder by a lethal potion of grief and guilt. And, at the end of the first episode, as we leave Danny on the brink of true happiness, an old and unhealthy habit threatens to rear its ugly head again.

The Lakes, *Channel 1, tonight, 10:05 p.m.*

# Hoffman in drag pic costs magazine $1.5m

By DAN WHITCOMB

Actor Dustin Hoffman, who starred as a cross-dresser in the movie *Tootsie*, was awarded a $1.5 million judgment on Friday against a magazine that printed a computer-generated image of him wearing a dress.

US District Judge Dickran Tevrizian, who called Hoffman "one of our country's living treasures," said *Los Angeles* magazine had trampled on the Oscar-winning actor's rights to his own image and left him "violated by technology." The magazine used Hoffman's image along with other stars like Cary Grant, John Travolta and Marlene Dietrich to promote a series on new spring fashion in a 1997 layout called "Grand Illusions." The glossy monthly, owned by Disney unit ABC Inc., said the case was a freedom of press issue but the judge ruled it was basically a copyright infringement case.

Hoffman's lawyer, Charles Shepard, said his famous client was "thrilled" with the verdict, which he hoped would help "maintain his own integrity and the integrity of the acting profession."

"Dustin stood up for his rights and he was vindicated," Shepard said. "It's not the easiest thing to do to put yourself in the litigation process, but Dustin felt very strongly about what happened to him."

But ABC Inc. said in a statement that the company was "disappointed" with the decision and planned to appeal.

"Editorial use of the material in question is protected by the First Amendment and we strongly believe our use was appropriate and protected," ABC spokeswoman Julie Hoover said.

Hoffman was nominated for an Academy Award for his role in *Tootsie*, in which he played an actor who disguises himself as a woman to get a plum job.

The article featured a computer-generated image that appeared to show Hoffman wearing a butter-coloured silk dress by Richard Tyler and heels by designer Ralph Lauren. The article, which also featured other, mostly dead, celebrities, referenced a "shopping guide" at the back of the magazine that told readers where to buy the clothes and how much they cost.

HOFFMAN, a top movie draw since he starred in the 1967 classic *The Graduate*, sued the magazine claiming copyright infringement, violation of his right of publicity and unauthorized use of his likeness.

The actor testified during the week-long trial in Los Angeles federal court that he had scrupulously avoided appearing in advertisements, and that he felt exploited by the magazine article.

Defense lawyers claimed that *Los Angeles* magazine was protected by the free speech provisions of the US Constitution, but in Friday's ruling Tevrizian rejected that argument.

"The photographs (in the article) were manipulated and cannibalized to such an extent that the celebrities were commercially exploited and were robbed of their dignity, professionalism and talent," he said. "To be blunt, the celebrities were violated by technology."

During the trial, Tevrizian had warned the parties in the case that their dispute could have "major implications about what you can and cannot do in the name of editorial content."

Hoffman sought between $3 million and $5 million in compensation plus punitive damages which the judge has still to determine. His lawyer said he hoped the decision would send a message to the media not to exploit other stars. (Reuters)

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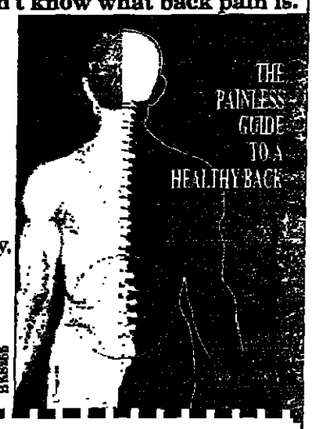
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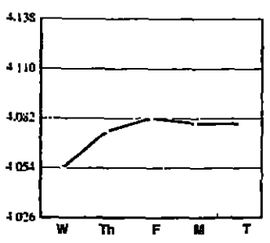
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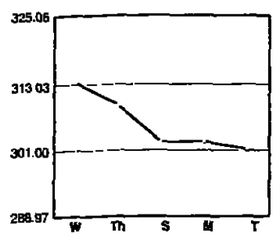
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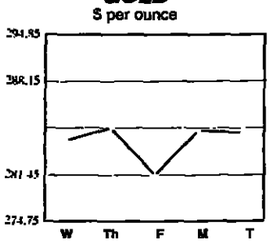
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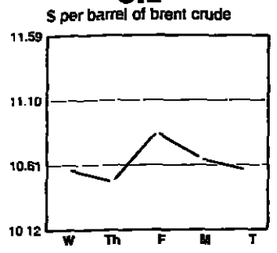

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## Manufacturing stock value up in September

The manufacturing stock value of industrial production was up six percent at the end of September compared with the stock value at the end of December 1997, according to a Central Bureau of Statistics quarterly stock survey based on a representative sample of manufacturers.

The increase in stock value included raw material, in-progress and finished materials, all of which increased 7%. This compared with a 6% rise in 1997, the bureau said. The stock of in-progress products was 4% higher at the end of September 1998 than in December 1997, while finished products grew 7%.

*Jessica Steinberg*

## Steel company says prices fell 70% in '98

According to Yehuda Steel Ltd., part of the Discount Investment Corp., steel prices fell 70 percent last year following a surplus in subsidized steel imports from Turkey, which lost its southeast Asian market, general manager Moshe Cohen said yesterday.

The company has appealed to the Industry and Trade Ministry to impose a temporary safeguard levy on steel imports, he said. Yehuda Steel had NIS 234 million in turnover for the first nine months of 1998, registering a loss for the year. According to the Industry and Trade Ministry, it won't be responding to the company's complaint until it has time to process the figures.

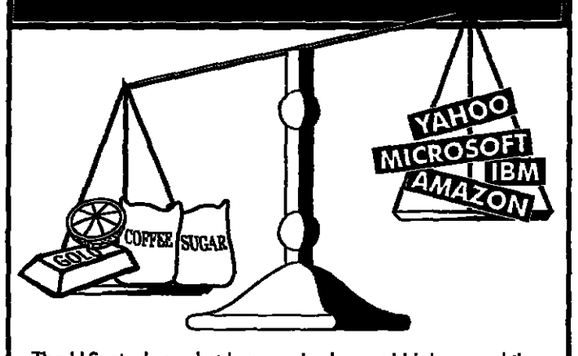
*Jessica Steinberg*

## Customs workers escalate sanctions

There's been no forward movement in negotiations with the 2,000 customs and tax workers who are carrying out sanctions to seek salary increases and employment benefits, said worker representative Shmuel Levy yesterday. Instead of escalating into a strike, the workers will gradually cut down on their hours, starting today. "We'll cut down to 40 percent [today], and then 60% [tomorrow], and see how that affects imports and exports," he said. According to the Haifa port, the storehouses are full of merchandise waiting to go through customs, but it's not "a desperate situation yet," said spokesman Yossi Rosenthal. Each year 16.7 million tons of goods are processed through the Haifa port.

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# Steinmetz will not bid for Discount

By DAN GERSTENFELD

The Steinmetz group decided to withdraw its participation in a tender for the purchase of a controlling stake in Israel Discount Bank, a spokesman for the Finance Ministry said yesterday.

It is widely believed that the main reason for the decision was Steinmetz's failure to find another partner for the group.

Tel Aviv lawyer Ram Caspi, who coordinates the group, said in the past that the group has received a dozen offers from private investors who expressed interest.

But apparently the group could not find any institutional investor who was interested in joining it.

The group is led by diamond trader Benjamin Steinmetz (70 percent) and US investment company Texas Pacific Group Partners (30%).

According to the regulations of the Bank of Israel, a single investor cannot hold more than 50% in the controlling stake of a bank, and Steinmetz therefore had to look for another partner.

Meir Yacobson, general manger of MI Holdings, the company in charge of selling the state's bank holdings, said the tender will continue according to the original plan.

The two other groups, the Eliahu and Keil groups, have already supplied the central bank with all the necessary material and are expected to start the due diligence process as soon as next month.

Yacobson said he doesn't know if Texas Pacific intends to join one of the bidding groups but said he would welcome such a move.

The Eliahu group is led by insurer Shlomo Eliahu and his partners in control of Union Bank – the heirs of David Lubinsky, the local Peugeot/Citroen importer; and investor Yeshayahu Landau, a stakeholder in Granit Hacarmel.

The two other members are Delek Israel, which is controlled by contractor Yitzhak Tshuva; and C.P. Holdings, which is controlled by Bernard Schreier, an Anglo-Jewish entrepreneur who is a partner in Bank Leumi UK and Switzerland, and controls hotels properties here. Each of the members of the group holds a 20% stake.

The second group is led by former Safra family banker Jeffrey Keil, who has previously failed to acquire a controlling stake in Bank Hapoalim, and US insurance company Locadia National Corporation.

Eliahu said he hopes to receive the Bank of Israel's approval as soon as possible. He added that his group is committed to continuing the process.

Established in 1935, Discount has 260 branches throughout the country, with consolidated assets of $24.6 billion, 800 employees, and net profits of NIS 199.9m. for 1997.

The bank controls a local commercial subsidiary in the US and Israel Discount Bank of New York, which, with assets of $3.79b., is the largest Israeli bank in the US.

In addition, the bank has branches in the Cayman Islands and the Bahamas, as well as agencies in Miami and Los Angeles. Discount also has representative offices in Saatiago, São Paolo, and Buenos Aires.

The bank holds a 26.4% stake in the First International Bank of Israel and 65% of Discount Mortgage Bank. In addition, it fully owns Mercantile Discount Bank, which is operated independently.



**It's i-mode for e-mail**

Keiko Yanoma of NTT Mobile Communications Network Inc. in Tokyo holds soon-to-be-sold i-mode cellular phones which will include e-mail and Internet access. Phones cost about $315. The i-mode service begins in Japan on February 22. (Reuters)

# Rivals bid for LucasVarity

By EDWARD ROUSSEL

LucasVarity Plc shares rose as much as 20 percent yesterday after TRW Inc. and Federal-Mogul Corp. made rival bids valuing the British brake maker at more than $6.5 billion. An acquisition at that price would be the biggest ever in the auto parts industry.

LucasVarity indicated that it preferred TRW's offer, which it said was more generous. TRW wouldn't disclose the terms of the bid. Federal-Mogul offered cash and stock worth 280 pence a share, a 30% premium on Friday's price. LucasVarity shares rose as high as 293.75p, suggesting that investors expect a higher bid, and analysts said the bidding could rise above 300p.

"The best thing for shareholders would be a cash offer from TRW," said John Buckland, an analyst at Daiwa Securities.

Federal-Mogul, under chairman and CEO Richard Snell, spent $6 billion acquiring seven auto parts companies last year, including UK bearing maker T&N Plc for $3 billion.

Federal-Mogul has borrowed heavily to pay for the acquisitions, and its debt now has junk status. That's made some LucasVarity investors wary of an offer that includes stock.

Federal-Mogul said its offer is conditional on gaining the support of LucasVarity's board. That seemed unlikely after LucasVarity refused to allow Federal-Mogul to scrutinize its accounts. Federal-Mogul said the other company had a duty to make shareholders aware of the terms of its offer and added that it hopes the LucasVarity board will change its mind.

Nicholas Jones, a LucasVarity spokesman, said the TRW offer is "a little sweeter" than Federal-Mogul's, though he didn't specify the terms. Federal-Mogul said it would have to see details of any TRW offer before responding.

Other bids, from companies such as Tenneco Corp., Ford Motor Co., and General Motors Corp., are possible, analysts said.

Tenneco said yesterday that it's selling its containerboard business for $2.2 billion in cash. It will use the proceeds to pay off debt, it said.

The automotive parts industry is consolidating as companies seek to establish their businesses worldwide. They also want to improve profit margins by supplying parts systems, rather than individual parts, to automakers.

LucasVarity is the world's second-biggest brake maker, after Germany's Robert Bosch GmbH, and a TRW-LucasVarity linkup could supply integrated steering and brake systems to assembly plants for easier installation, analysts said. Federal-Mogul, best known as a piston and engine gasket maker, said it has "twin-disc brake" technology that could work well with LucasVarity's anti-lock brake expertise.

General Motors Corp. and Ford Motor Co. are LucasVarity's biggest customers.

Auto parts provided about 60% of TRW's 1997 revenue of $10.8 billion. LucasVarity has $5.4 billion in annual auto-parts sales and $1.1 billion in aerospace-parts revenue.

Profit in TRW's auto-parts unit dropped 1.3%, to $145.7 million, in the fourth quarter, even as its sales advanced to $1.82 billion, from $1.79 billion a year earlier.

Some analysts and investors have suggested the company sell its auto business to focus on its more profitable aerospace, technology, and defense businesses.

Steering and suspension systems provide 34 percent of TRW's auto revenue, while air bags, seat belts and steering wheels make up 46 percent. The remainder is generated by engine components, automotive electronics and fasteners.

"This deal is likely to bring [illegible] to run TRW's automotive business," said Kenneth Blaschke, an analyst with BT Alex. Brown in San Francisco. "If that's the case, investors will get excited about this."

(Bloomberg)

# Finance committee set to okay budget today

By JESSICA STEINBERG

After a three-week delay, the Knesset Finance Committee will vote on the 47-clause budgetary arrangements bill and budget today, the committee said yesterday.

Following this morning's planned committee vote, the arrangements bill and budget will be debated in the Knesset today and Thursday and voted on in the plenum on Monday.

The budget and its accompanying arrangements bill have been held up since last week, when committee chairman Avraham Ravitz (United Torah Judaism) froze all budget negotiations until the haredi-sponsored religious councils bill was passed in the Knesset. The much-debated bill – which requires representatives to pledge an oath to the Chief Rabbinate – was passed in the Knesset yesterday by a majority of 50 to 49.

Following the religious councils vote, coalition members met with Ravitz, Prime Minister's Office Director-General Moshe Leon and Treasury budget director David Milgrom to hammer out last-minute issues.

"Once you pass the December 31 deadline, all the pressure [to pass the budget] is off," commented MK Zvi Hendel (NRP), a member of the Finance Committee.

Both opposition and coalition MKs want to reach an agreement on the budget in which no one looks "better or worse," Hendel added.

According to several coalition MKs, Finance Committee members met last night with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu in order to reach an agreement on the public housing law, the one problematic clause remaining in the arrangements bill. Sponsored by Ran Cohen (Meretz), the bill will allow public-housing tenants to purchase their homes at discounts of up to 85 percent, costing the government about NIS 10 billion. The Treasury has said it doesn't have the funds to back the bill.

The housing bill is a "difficult problem," Leon said, adding that the prime minister is for the bill, despite the financial issues involved.

However, the housing bill will probably be replaced with a less expensive option, said Finance Committee coalition whip Michael Kleiner (Gesher).

The other problematic clause, a Shas-sponsored bill to legalize the Arutz 7 radio station, was slashed from the arrangements bill.

"We got to an agreement on most of the issues," said Kleiner. "But if there's a disagreement on just one paragraph, then the whole thing could fail."

# US: Israel must enforce software piracy laws

By JESSICA STEINBERG

Israel is in danger of losing US commercial trade benefits if it doesn't begin enforcing and creating new legislation for protecting intellectual property rights, warned US and Israeli piracy experts yesterday.

Last May, the US placed Israel on its "priority watch list," blaming the Knesset's repeated failure to legislate piracy reforms and rein in illegal use of intellectual property.

"I think it's just a lack of will to make it go forward," US Embassy spokesperson Larry Schwartz told The Jerusalem Post.

Israel has a 74% software piracy rate and $42 million in losses due to software and other intellectual property piracy, according to Business Software Alliance, a non-profit organization supplying the US government with piracy information on 70 countries.

At the Industry and Trade Ministry, Eli Kazhdan, senior advisor to minister Natan Sharansky, said he hasn't heard anything "official or unofficial" from the US authorities with regard to the priority watch list.

The Justice Ministry couldn't comment on the issue, a ministry spokesperson said.

The US could downgrade Israel to its "Foreign Country" list, setting a six-month deadline for Israel to approve new legislation or face trade sanctions.

According to the current legislation, anyone caught violating property rights is subject to three years' imprisonment and a $1m. fine.

However, in the last 10 years no one has been sentenced to jail time and money isn't an issue to companies earning $10,000 a week, according to BSA Israel representative Ami Fleisher.

"Software piracy can tip the balance for companies starting up and make it difficult for them to succeed, as well as for companies with popular products," Schwartz pointed out. There has been a trend toward improvement in medium-to-large companies with at least 100 or more personal computers, Fleisher said.

At the same time, smaller businesses have an 80-90% piracy rate and start-up software companies have also been found to be using illegal software copies in an attempt to cut down on expenses. One start-up raided by BSA paid $40,000 as compensation and then had to go out and buy its own software, Fleisher added.

"They're taking a giant risk if they want to go public, because the exposure is huge," he said.

# Huge Danish counterfeit operation smashed

By JUDY SIEGEL

The largest software counterfeit operation caught so far in the European Union has been shut down by the Business Software Alliance, which has representatives in Israel.

The BSA said the counterfeit operation, based in Denmark, had produced 125,000 bogus CD-ROMs worth $237 million. They were advertised on the Internet under the labels "Best of Internet," "Silverado" and "Vegas." Over a year ago, BSA received a number of tips via its hotline that illegal CD-ROMs were being sold through a Danish Web site. Representatives bought some of the programs and found that the disks were indeed counterfeit. The Danish National Computer Crime Unit has been questioning several people – all Danes – suspected of masterminding the sale and distribution of the illicit software. CD-ROM manufacturers who produced the disks have been identified.

The 125,000 CD-ROMs contain illegal copies of various Adobe, Autodesk, Corel, Microsoft and Symantec software programs.

Meanwhile, Isfar – the Israeli representative of Sony, reported yesterday that with help from the police, it had identified a Tel Aviv store selling counterfeit Playstation software. The multimedia store, named Segal, is located on the fifth floor of the new central bus station. A criminal complaint was filed against the owners, who will be brought before the Tel Aviv Magistrates' Court. Equipment that allows authentic Playstation hardware to be changed to allow the use of counterfeit software was also seized. Sony and Isfar said they are working to find ways to eradicate the phenomenon of pirate software.

An organization representing performers and composers of Israeli music is considering the declaration of a "Day Without Music in Israel" as a protest against the piracy of compact disks (CDs). The group, which claims members are being cheated by counterfeiters to the tune of millions of shekels, is also considering a tax revolt by all creators of music.

The organization said that counterfeiting of CDs is proliferating because of the high illicit profits, the relatively low price of CD-copying machines, the lack of police manpower, lenient sentences handed down by the courts and general apathy. Producers of computer software, whose CD-ROMs are copied by the same method, have their own campaign to reduce piracy.

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# TASE drops on concern over Brazil

## STOCKS

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Stocks fell, led by Bank Hapoalim, as concern grew that Brazil's weakening currency may drive foreign investors from emerging market stocks.

Brazil's currency plunged as much as 9 percent to a record low as companies and investors bought dollars to repay foreign debt.

The Maof Index of the 25 largest companies fell 0.46% to 301.00. The index had gained as much as 0.81% earlier after US stocks rallied on Monday.

Makhteshim-Agan Industries sank 2.14% to NIS 7.77. The chemical firm, which does a portion of its business in Latin America, declined on concern a weaker Brazilian currency will harm the company. Koor Industries, Makhteshim-Agan's parent company, fell 1.92%.

Bezeq rose 0.07% to 13.49. The government plans to sell shares in the phone company in April. Poalim Electronic Communications, which is expected to raise money to increase its communications investments, already holds a stake in the phone company.

Bank Hapoalim fell 1.66% to 7.09. A group including Apollo, an investment fund managed by Leon Black, is likely to win a tender to buy the 80% of Amot, a real-estate company, held by Histadrut pension funds, newspapers reported. The group, which bid according to a company value of $200 million, is also expected to bid for the 20% of Amot held by Bank Hapoalim.

Delta Galil Industries rose 1.43% to 35.40. The underwear and sock maker was reiterated "buy" at Lehman Brothers.

**EUROPE**

European stocks turned mixed as oil companies fell along with the price of crude, offsetting gains by companies that reported sales and earnings meeting or beating expectations. BP Amoco Plc, the world's third-largest publicly traded oil company, fell 12.5p to 860 to lead the losses by the Bloomberg Europe 500, which dropped 0.67 point to 201.13. About as many shares fell as rose. Benchmark indexes fell in seven of the eight largest European economies.

Crude has slipped 3.3% in the last two days, down 12 cents to $10.73 a barrel in London.

Oil prices are unlikely to recover in the short term, said said Dominic Wallington, of Credit Suisse Asset Management, because oil-exploring countries are "all trying to produce as much oil as possible to earn hard currency."

Royal Dutch Petroleum Co., which accounts for 60% of Royal Dutch/Shell Group, the world's largest publicly traded oil company, fell 0.5 euro to 36.7. France's Elf Aquitaine SA lost 3.4 euros to 96.6.

Total SA, Europe's fifth-largest publicly traded oil company, fell 0.45 euro to 89.55. The French company was expected to report a 10.2% decline in 1998 net income, to 6.84 billion francs from 7.61 billion francs in 1997, according to the average estimate of six analysts surveyed by Bloomberg News. The estimates ranged from 27.7 francs a share to 28.2 francs a share.

**ASIA**

Japan's key stock average rose to a six-week high as a rally by US stocks eased concern exporters' earnings will be hurt by Brazil's currency devaluation and slower global growth.

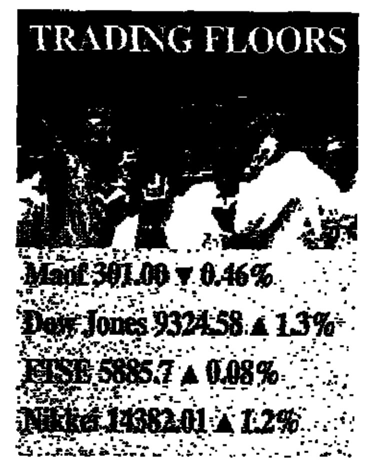
The Nikkei 225 average rose 173.20, or 1.2%, to 14,382.01, the highest since December 11. Honda Motor Co., Toyota Motor Co., and Pioneer Electronic Corp. accounted for a seventh of the index's gain.

"Brazil's impact on the rest of the global economy is at the top of everyone's list of worries," said Kazumori Shimono, a manager at Ryoko Securities Co.'s futures and options section. "It's encouraging to see US investors shaking off the crisis."

In other markets, Singapore's Straits Times Index rose 1.4% as interest rates fell on fading concern that China would end its currency's peg to the dollar, following Brazil's lead. Taiwan's TWSE Index rose 1.4% as computer-related stocks were lifted by a rally in their US counterparts.

**WALL STREET**

Stock indexes logged big gains as a number of high-profile companies announced stock splits, dividend increases, and earnings that met or exceeded analysts' expectations.




The Dow Jones industrial average rose 121.26 points – 1.3% – to close at 9,324.58.

The rally was confined to large companies with high-profile names. Declining issues ran neck and neck with advancers all day. Volume was moderate and unimpressive, although up from Monday's pace.

But some index components shone. The Dow was led higher by IBM, whose shares were up 3 points after the company confirmed Monday's rumors that it would exchange two shares for every one held by investors.

On the down side, Coca-Cola lost ground after it reported a 27% drop in fourth-quarter profits, even though that had been anticipated.

Microsoft shares were sharply higher in Nasdaq trading after declaring a stock split on Monday.

## CURRENCIES

The dollar was little changed against the yen as Chinese officials eased concern Beijing will devalue its currency in an effort to sustain growth.

A Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman reiterated that China won't devalue the yuan, the official Xinhua news agency reported. Premier Zhu Rongji and senior central bank spokesman Wei Gejun said on Monday the country remains committed to maintaining the yuan's value.

"They're adamant that they'll hold as long as they can," said Suzanne Hudson, of American Express Asset Management. The dollar "will inch towards 110 yen" in the coming weeks, she said.

The US currency was little changed at 113.56 yen from 113.69 late Monday in London. It was little changed for a third day against the euro at $1.1581 per euro from $1.1566 Monday.

A weaker yuan could have boosted Chinese growth by making its exports cheaper. That, in turn, would have hurt Japanese exporters, the main hope for an economic recovery in Japan.

Japanese Finance Minister Kiichi Miyazawa helped damp speculation about a possible devaluation, saying it's "not in China's interest."

Reflecting the waning concern about a yuan devaluation, Hong Kong dollar forward rates dropped from Monday's three-month high. Like the yuan, the Hong Kong dollar is also pegged to the US currency, so a stable yuan typically boosts expectations the Hong Kong dollar won't devalue.

Speculation China would let its currency weaken was sparked by Brazil's decision to let its currency float freely. The talk was boosted yesterday after the official *China Daily Business Weekly* said the move "would not definitely be a bad thing."

In Brazil, the real weakened more than 8% to 1.96 reals to the dollar even as the government changed some of its currency trading rules to reduce demand for dollars on the spot market. The real has lost more than 35% of its value against the dollar this year.

Elsewhere, the Bundesbank said Western German consumer prices rose at an annual rate of 0.2% in the six months to January, down from 0.3% in December. The report adds to recent evidence that inflation in Europe's largest economy is tame, leaving room for the European Central Bank to cut interest rates in the coming months to aid economic growth.

The ECB's benchmark refinancing rate is 3.0%.

Policy-makers are next slated to meet on February 4. Lower rates typically hurt a currency since they weaken the return on deposits denominated in that currency.

## COMMODITIES

Coffee for March delivery rose as much as $45, or 2.6%, to $1.777 a metric ton on the London International Financial Futures and Options Exchange after an earthquake battered Colombia's coffee growing region. Landslides following the earthquake, whose epicenter was in the southwestern province of Valle del Cauca, damaged the main highway used to transport most of the country's coffee to the Pacific coast port of Buenaventura. Colombia, the world's No. 2 coffee grower after Brazil, is in the middle of harvesting a crop predicted by the US Department of Agriculture to reach 12.5 million bags. Each bag weighs 60 kilograms.

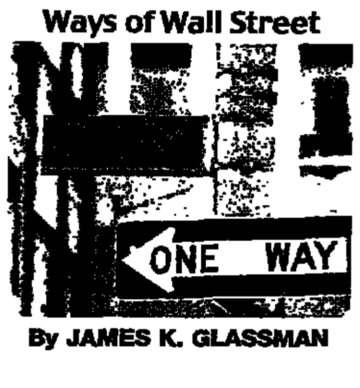
Brent crude oil for March delivery fell almost 2% as warmer-than-usual weather in the US raised concern that demand for products such as heating oil will decline during a period when consumption traditionally peaks.

Crude oil fell as much as 16 cents, or 1.5%, to $10.69 a barrel, its third decline in as many days, on London's International Petroleum Exchange. March crude oil on the New York Mercantile Exchange fell 13 cents to $12.31 a barrel in electronic trading.

(Agencies)

# *Assessing virtues of value stocks*

**Ways of Wall Street**




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WASHINGTON – Have some sympathy for money mangers. Right now, they're out trying to explain – to shareholders of their mutual funds, board members of their pension plans, and rich clients of the individual accounts they run – just why they did so poorly last year.

"Poorly" is a relative term. The average stock mutual fund returned 14.5 percent in 1998, according to Lipper Inc., and typical stock accounts performed about the same. Do that for five years in a row, and you've doubled your money.

The problem is that the Standard & Poor's 500-stock index, which is practically everyone's benchmark, returned 28.7 percent.

Of course, the managers have excuses ... er, explanations. The S&P is a capitalization-weighted index, which means that the big stocks have more influence on the outcome. And last year, the big stocks did spectacularly well, while most others were mediocre, at best.

Wilshire Associates Inc. has calculated that, if you give all 500 stocks in the S&P equal weight, the return was 13.9 percent – or roughly the same performance as the funds.

Steven Lockshin, of Capital Management Strategies Financial Services Inc. in Rockville, Md., pointed out to clients last week that "over half the stocks on the New York Stock Exchange posted negative returns for 1998.

"Likewise, despite the Nasdaq composite index's 38.5 percent return, more than half the stocks in the index lost money."

Do the customers buy such a rationale? The smart ones do. Peter Morris, who, with Stuart Teach, manages the Arlington, Va.-based Homestead Value Fund as well as another $3 billion in pension money for rural electric cooperatives, told me he just got back from visiting clients in North Carolina, who turned out to be accommodating. "We try to get them to focus on the long-term," he said.

Morris and Teach have a special problem. They're value managers in a year that was particularly cruel to value stocks. While the S&P growth index rose 32 percent, the value index rose just 11 percent.

And Homestead Value itself returned just 8.3 percent, including reinvested dividends. That's a big decline from the five preceding years, when the fund chalked up returns averaging 19.8 percent – slightly ahead of the S&P and at considerably lower risk.

Are the Homestead managers thinking about changing their orientation? This is the same question that many investors – me, included – are asking themselves.

Teach isn't going to change. Absolutely not. "Value still beats growth over long periods of time," he said, citing academic studies.

But still, is it time to reassess our fervent belief in companies that have low price-to-earnings (P/E) ratios, high dividend yields and other indicators of value?

Reassess, certainly. Reverse course, no. Also, let's be honest: Buying value stocks, which have been beaten down and forgotten, is more intellectually rewarding than buying growth stocks, which are what the masses like.

Last week, I attended a meeting of the pension committee of a prestigious Washington organization and watched as an able financial adviser explained why the stock portfolio – with a strong bias toward value – had returned only 17 percent. He, too, was not going to shift from value. Heads nodded in assent.

Still, the screaming values these days are in small-cap stocks, and one particularly sharp committee member wondered whether the adviser shouldn't be buying more. After all, since small-caps fell and large-caps rose last year, the small-cap proportion of the portfolio had dropped. Wouldn't it make sense to reallocate? Well, no, said the adviser. This strategy might be called modified value, rather than gung-ho value, and in the current climate – where, as Lockshin points out, eight of the 10 top performers last year were high-tech growth stocks – it is perfectly understandable.

A. Marshall Acuff Jr. and John MacNeil at Salomon Smith Barney Inc have an approach that fits this mold: "growth at a reasonable price." Last week, they recommended four such stocks: MCI WorldCom Inc. (WCOM), the local, long-distance and Internet telecom firm; Raytheon Co. (RTN/A), the dominant player in defense electronics; Saks Inc. (SKS), the department-store chain; and Steris Corp. (STE), infection-prevention products.

Each of these stocks is increasing its profits at a fast clip, but the analysts believe their stock prices don't reflect the growth rates. Steris, for instance, trades at a P/E of 26 (about average these days), but its earnings are increasing at more than 20 percent.

Meanwhile, one of the best value managers in America, Scott Black of Delphi Management Inc., a Boston-based firm that caters to such huge clients as Johns Hopkins University and the Irvine Foundation, is going public. He's launched the Kobren Delphi Value Fund, part of a fund family run by Eric Kobren, famous as the editor of a Fidelity watchdog newsletter.

Top holdings in the new fund include Grey Advertising Inc. (GREY), which is 21 percent off its April high, at a P/E of 15; BankAmerica Corp. (BAC), down one-fourth since July at a P/E of 18; and Lennar Corp. (LEN), Miami-based home builder at a P/E of 11. While I am a huge fan of Black's, be aware that the expense ratio is 1.48 percent, about one-fifth of a point above average.

Homestead Value itself is also intriguing. Morris and Teach run their fund with extremely low turnover – usually less than 10 percent, meaning that they keep the average stock for 10 years or more. And it's user-friendly. Minimum investment to start is $500, but if you'll commit to even minuscule monthly contributions, you should be able to open an account with no money down.

The number-one holding in the fund is Maytag Corp. (MYG), the appliance maker which also owns such brands as Hoover and Jenn-Air. It's followed, in order, by Southwest Airlines Co. (LUV), the short-haul, discount carrier that has long been a favorite of mine; BellSouth Corp. (BLS); Brinker International Inc. (EAT), which operates and franchises restaurants such as Chili's Grill & Bar; and Ruddick Corp. (RDK), which owns a supermarket chain (Harris Teeter Inc.) and a maker of industrial sewing thread (American & Efird Inc.).

Morris and Teach also manage a new small-cap value fund – a courageous, but also sensible, move in a market that thoroughly dislikes such stocks. Top holdings include American Freightway Inc. (AFWY), a fast-growing trucking company; Alberto-Culver Co. (ACV), hair products; and UMB Financial Corp. (UMBF), a Kansas City, Mo.-based bank and financial services firm.

None of their leading stocks has a super-low P/E ratio. Morris and Teach are not bottom feeders – instead, they seem to hew to the "growth at a reasonable price" philosophy.

Southwest, for example, trades at a P/E of 21, with an earnings growth rate in recent years of 13 percent; Ruddick trades at a P/E of 18 and is growing at 12 percent. The average P/E for stocks in the fund is 18, compared with 33 for the S&P and 24 for the Dow Jones industrial average.

So the big question for value lovers is whether to go for gung-ho value – including languishing small-caps trading at P/Es of 7 – or to stay with modified value, the way Morris, Teach, Black, Salomon and my anonymous pension adviser seem to be doing.

My own inclination is to do both, and to make sure I have some growth stocks as well. No one can predict the market, and diversification provides some security – though at the cost of missing the jackpot. The choice, at any rate, is yours. (The Washington Post)

# FINANCIAL MARKETS

## TEL AVIV 100
LEADING SHARES

| | LAST | CHANGE* |
|---|---|---|
| Africa Hotels | 570 | 0 |
| Africa Israel C 1 | 23200 | 1.5 |
| Africa Israel 1 | 21900 | 1.2 |
| Agis | 1802 | -2.5 |
| Al Paper Mills | 14490 | 1.6 |
| Al-Rov | 1710 | -1.0 |
| Azorim | 3090 | 1.6 |
| Azorim Prop | 773 | 0 |
| Bank Leumi D 1 | 565 | -0.5 |
| [illegible] | 3790 | -1.9 |
| [illegible] 1 | 45000 | 0 |
| [illegible] 5 | 22000 | [illegible] |
| Bezeq | 1049 | [illegible] |
| Blue Square | 5175 | [illegible] |
| [illegible] | 2550 | 0.8 |
| [illegible] Electronics | 63000 | -2.5 |
| [illegible] Industries | 1734 | [illegible] |
| [illegible] Insurance | 3380 | [illegible] |
| [illegible] Israel 1 | 8590 | -2.2 |
| Dan Hotels | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| [illegible] | 1310 | 0 |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Dead Sea Works 0.1 | 544 | -2.5 |
| Delek 0 1 | 11220 | -2 |
| Delek Car | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Delta 1 | 2540 | 1.4 |
| Development Mort | [illegible] | 1.6 |
| Discount Bank | 545 | -2.6 |
| Discount Inv. | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Elbit 0.303 | 1455 | [illegible] |
| Elbit Imaging | 4230 | [illegible] |
| Elbit System | 5140 | -2.2 |
| [illegible] Holdings | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Elco Industries | 3530 | 0 |
| Electra | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Electra App | [illegible] | -2.8 |
| Elite Ind 1 | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Elite Ind 5 | [illegible] | 0 |
| Elron 0.003 | [illegible] | 1.2 |
| FIBI 5 | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| First Int'l 1 | 435 | -2.2 |
| First Int'l 5 | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| First Int'l Mort | 31600 | [illegible] |
| Formula | [illegible] | 2 |
| Gamaa Bank | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Granit Hacarmel | [illegible] | 0.5 |
| Hadarim Prop. | 3000 | 0 |
| Hapoalim | [illegible] | [illegible] |
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| Harel Hamishmar 1 | 3560 | 0 |
| Harel Hamishmar 5 | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Harel Corner | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| IDB Dev. | 8290 | -2.5 |
| IDB Holdings | 8295 | [illegible] |
| ILDC | 1908 | -2.2 |
| Ind Bldgs | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Israel Chemicals | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Israel Corp. 1 | 37100 | [illegible] |
| Isralom | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Jordan | [illegible] | -4 |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | 0 |
| KT | [illegible] | -2.2 |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| [illegible] | 4280 | [illegible] |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | -1.9 |
| Koor | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Leumi Insurance | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Leumi Mortgage | 56400 | [illegible] |
| Maariv | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Mehadrin | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Makhteshim Agan Ind. | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Malibu | 486 | 0 |
| Matav | 453 | [illegible] |
| Mehadrin | [illegible] | [illegible] |

| | LAST | CHANGE* |
|---|---|---|
| Meir Eden | 1540 | 0 |
| Melisseron | 1050 | 0 |
| Menorah Ins. 1 | 1830 | 0.4 |
| Mashkan | 62000 | -1.1 |
| Matav | 687 | -0.3 |
| NATSVA REGULAR | 1500 | -0.3 |
| Nice Systems | 8960 | -0.9 |
| Orbit | 827 | 0 |
| Ormat Industries | 480 | 0.2 |
| Osem Industries | 1690 | -0.6 |
| Petrochemicals | 2140 | 0.9 |
| Phoenix Ins. 1 | 860 | 0 |
| Plasson | 4120 | -8.1 |
| Poalim Inv. | 11550 | 0 |
| Point of Sale | 2800 | 1.4 |
| Prop & Bldg | 31300 | -0.6 |
| Salt Industries | 1780 | 0 |
| Solel Bone | 3570 | -1.1 |
| Supersol | 979 | -0.5 |
| Taavura | 15100 | 0 |
| Taldan | 1735 | -0.9 |
| Tambour | 520 | 0 |
| Tefahot | 178000 | 0 |
| Tempo | 1708 | 0 |
| Teva | 17690 | 0.9 |
| Wire and Cables | 1245 | -0.4 |
| Ytong Industries | 900 | -1.1 |
| Shikun u'Binui | 263 | 0 |
| Abyat | 1.6 | 0 |

## RETZEF
SMALL CAPITALIZATION TASE ISSUES

| | LAST | CHANGE* |
|---|---|---|
| Abudi | 42 | 0 |
| Ace-Spade | 74.5 | 0 |
| Ackerstein Bond B | 181 | 0 |
| Ackerstein Ind. | 470 | 0 |
| Ackerstein Zn 1 | 1620 | 0 |
| Ackerstein Zn 5 | 9000 | 0 |
| Adarim | 310000 | 0 |
| Adler | 120 | 0 |
| Adika | 133 | 0 |
| Adika A | 310 | 0 |
| Azuram | 99 | 0 |
| Africa Hotels Bond B | | |
| Africa Hotels Warrant 2 | 67.2 | -4 |
| Africa Israel Hotels Bond A | 141.7 | 0 |
| Abeek Ind | 974 | 0 |
| Agis Warrant 4 | 220 | 0 |
| Agan Ind | 349 | 0 |
| Agis Investments | 430 | 0 |
| A-Sen | 149.9 | 0 |
| A-Sen Bond A | 123.1 | 0.1 |
| Alhe c2 | 98 | 0 |
| Alhe w6 | 99 | 7.5 |
| Alliance | 600 | 0 |
| Alvin | 294 | 0 |
| Alony-Hetz | 478 | -0.4 |
| Alony-Hetz Bond A | 230 | 0 |
| [illegible] | 200 | 0 |
| [illegible] Warrant 1 | 3 | 0 |
| Arow Bond D | 83 | -0.6 |
| Arow Warrant 5 | 74.9 | 0 |
| [illegible] | 258 | 0 |
| [illegible] | 2100 | 0 |
| [illegible] | 173.5 | 0 |
| [illegible] | 128 | 0 |
| [illegible] | 57 | 0 |
| [illegible] Warrant 1 | 760 | 1.4 |
| Ampal | 10200 | 0 |
| Arpa Investments | 860 | 4 |
| Analyst EMS | 66.5 | -0.4 |
| Angel Trade | 160 | 0 |
| Angel Trade Bond A | 120 | 0 |
| Angel Trade Bond B | 58.4 | -0.2 |
| Angel Trade Bond C | 586 | -2.6 |
| Apcer | 182 | 0 |
| Apeen warrant 1 | 2200 | -1.8 |
| Applicom | | |

| | LAST | CHANGE* |
|---|---|---|
| Ascell Warrant 2 | 397 | 0 |
| Arad | 1440 | 0 |
| Arad Towels | 1435 | 0 |
| Arazim | 108.8 | 4.4 |
| Argaman | 129 | 0 |
| Arledan | 1375 | 0 |
| Arpal | 135 | 0 |
| Aryt | 111 | -1.2 |
| Ashkelon Plywood | 514 | 0 |
| Ashkelon Plywood Bond 2 | 153.1 | 0.1 |
| Ashtad | 475 | -0.8 |
| Ashtad Bond A | 165 | -0.6 |
| Ashot | 253 | -1.6 |
| Ashot Bond A | 184 | 0 |
| Ashpasa | 85 | -7.6 |
| Ashtrom Bond 1 | 181.6 | 0 |
| Ashtrom Bond 2 | 165 | 1.2 |
| Ashtrom Ind. | 550 | 0 |
| Ashtrom Prop. | 185 | 0 |
| Astrom P Bond 1 | 98 | 0 |
| Astrom p warrant a | 23.2 | 0 |
| Astrum Bond C | 105.3 | -0.2 |
| Astrum Warrant 2 | 35.6 | 0 |
| Atlon | 75 | 0 |
| Atmor | 1005 | 0.5 |
| ATX | 207 | 0 |
| Atzmon | 160.1 | 0 |
| Aura | 4490 | 1.8 |
| Avarot | 307 | 5.1 |
| Avarot Bond A | 168.1 | 0.4 |
| Averbuch Formica | 620 | 0 |
| Aviv | 415 | 0 |
| Aviv Bond 1 | 158 | 0 |
| Aviv Bond 2 | 92.4 | -0.1 |
| Avner | 4.4 | 10 |
| Avrot Bond 2 | 96.4 | -0.6 |
| Avrot Warrant 2 | 39.5 | 0 |
| Ayalon | 939 | 0 |
| Azimuth | 472 | -1.3 |
| Azorim Properties Bond 3 | 184 | 2.2 |
| Azorim Warrant 13 | 414 | -2.8 |
| Azorim Warrant 5 | 106.5 | -0.7 |
| Azorim Warrant A | 265 | -7.3 |
| Azorim Warrant B | 620 | 0 |
| Badash Bond 1 | 25.1 | 0 |
| Bakal | 289 | 0 |
| Balentine 1 | 143.5 | 0 |
| Balentine Bond A | 133.1 | 0 |
| Balron | 3680 | 0 |
| Barna'asaf | 950 | 0 |
| Barna'asaf Bond A | 159 | 0 |
| Bar | 333 | 0 |
| Bar Bond A | 135 | 3.4 |
| Berad | 239 | 0 |
| Baranowitz | 800 | 0 |
| Barkan | 645 | 0 |
| Barzel | 109 | 0 |
| Bertal | 200 | 0 |
| Baumel Moshe | 183.5 | 0 |
| BaySide Bond 2 | 94 | 0 |
| BaySide Warrant D | 1100 | 0 |
| Bet Shemesh | 1441 | -0.5 |
| Belmon | 425 | 0 |
| Ben Yakar Bond A | 183.1 | 0 |
| Ben Yakar Bond B | 89.1 | 1.8 |
| Ben Yakar Gat | 4300 | 0 |
| Berman | 141 | 0 |
| Bezek Bond 3 | 135.2 | -0.4 |
| Bezek Warrant Bond 3 | 348 | -2.5 |
| Bilu | 1980 | 0 |
| Bilu Bond A | 167 | 0 |
| Binar | 259 | 0 |
| Bin | 262 | 0 |
| Bolor Bond B | 88 | 0 |
| bolor gad warrant 1 | 35 | 0 |
| Bonei Tichon | 432 | 0 |
| Bonjour | 550 | 0 |
| Boulous Brothers | 139.9 | 0 |
| Boulous Brothers Bond 1 | 267 | 0 |
| Boulous GD | 383 | 0 |
| Boulous GD Bond A | 141.5 | 0 |
| Brand | 94.6 | 0 |
| Bril | 45 | 0 |
| Brok Side | 14.3 | 0 |
| Brosh | 104.4 | -10 |
| Building Bank | 1705 | 0 |
| Building Resou. | 4100 | 0 |

| | LAST | CHANGE* |
|---|---|---|
| C Holdings | 431 | -8.3 |
| C Holdings Bond 5 | 67.1 | -1.3 |
| Caesarea 1 | 6600 | 0 |
| Canal | 1908 | -0.6 |
| Capital | 990 | 0 |
| Capital Bond A | 126.9 | 0 |
| Caprice | 269 | 0.7 |
| Cargal | 580 | 0 |
| Carmel | 509 | -4.9 |
| Carmiel | 418 | 1.7 |
| Castro | 477 | 0 |
| Catalana 1 | 431 | 0 |
| CDI | 198 | 0 |
| Camartecal Bond A | 51.8 | 1.8 |
| Cemental | 192.1 | 0 |
| Centra | 150 | 0 |
| Centra Bond 1 | 141 | -0.7 |
| Cham | 405 | 0 |
| Chayun Computers | 170 | 0 |
| Chemipal | 499 | 0 |
| Chim-Nir | 325 | 0 |
| CI Systems | 130.2 | 0 |
| Cidab | 292 | 0 |
| Clal Computers | 7450 | -1.3 |
| Clal Retail | 47000 | 0 |
| Cohen Beni | 151 | -9.8 |
| Cohen Dev. | 179 | 0 |
| Cohen MM | 130 | 0 |
| Cold Storage 1 | 2380 | 3.9 |
| Compi | 174 | 0 |
| Compi Warrant 1 | 11.7 | 0 |
| Compulite | 205 | 0 |
| Comtech | 405 | 3.8 |
| Comtrans | 850 | 0 |
| Contal | 1200 | -1 |
| Contractors | 21800 | 0 |
| Coral Beach | 853 | 0 |
| Credit Line | 3.4 | 0 |
| Credit Lines Bond A | 33 | 0 |
| Cyclone 1 | 2400 | -2.8 |
| Cyclone Bond 2 | 160 | -3.6 |
| Dabon | 1545 | 0 |
| Dafin | 1 | 0 |
| Dan Rent-A-Car | 800 | 2.6 |
| Dan Rent-A-Car Bond A | 166.3 | 0 |
| Danbar 1 | 3400 | -2 |
| Danbar 5 | 8220 | 1.5 |
| Danbar Bond A | 278 | 0 |
| Danbar Resources | 4690 | 0 |
| Danbar Resources Bond B | 178.6 | -0.2 |
| Danbar Tech. | 4950 | 0 |
| Danbar Technologies Bond A | 157.4 | 0 |
| Danel | 90 | 0 |
| Danel Bond A | 89.9 | 0 |
| Danel Personnel | 1870 | 0 |
| Danel Warrant 2 | 143.8 | 5 |
| Dankner Bond 1 | 227 | 0 |
| Dankner Bond 2 | 147.5 | 0 |
| Dankner Bond 3 | 93.2 | -0.3 |
| Dankner Warrant C | 400 | 0 |
| Darly | 550 | 0 |
| Darsil | 113 | 0 |
| DARBAN BOND 2 | 103.3 | 0 |
| Darban Bond A | 183.7 | 0 |
| Darban Warrant 3 | 60 | 0 |
| Dares | 155 | 0 |
| Darlon | 299 | 0 |
| Dash investment | 875 | -8.8 |
| Data | 877 | 0 |
| Decision Systems | 304 | 9.7 |
| Degem Systems | 435 | 2.4 |
| Delek Drilings | 15.9 | -2.5 |
| Delek Oil | 1480 | 0 |
| Dealtly | 1082 | 0 |
| Digel | 890 | 0 |
| Diesel 1 | 1400 | 0 |
| Dolev | 371 | 0 |
| Dolev Bond A | 146 | 0 |
| Dolev warrant 1 | 17 | 0 |
| Domicar | 470 | 0 |
| Domicar Bond | 163.8 | 0 |
| Dor Berger | 300 | 0 |
| Dor Chim | 330 | 0 |
| Dor Energy | 1240 | 0 |
| Dore w1 | 41.6 | 0 |
| Dorea | 50.6 | 0 |
| Dorl c1 | 109.8 | 0 |

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|---|---|---|
| Dori Engineering | 472 | 0 |
| Dori Engineering Bond A | 144 | 0 |
| Dovrat Bond A | 145 | 0 |
| Dovrat Shrem | 1300 | 0 |
| DSL | 670 | 0.1 |
| Dubek M | 3 | 0 |
| Dubek S | 3 | 0 |
| Duniz | 233 | 0 |
| DYG Industries | 450 | 0 |
| E & M Computing | 1245 | -2 |
| Edgar Albani | 49.6 | 0 |
| Edgar Industries | 210 | -4.5 |
| Edgar Inv. Bond C | 91.5 | 0 |
| Edgar Inv. Warrant 5 | 20 | 0 |
| Elfar Bond A | 98 | 0 |
| Ein | 152 | 0 |
| Eilam | 350 | 0 |
| Ekoram | 3500 | 0 |
| El Bad | 2200 | 0 |
| El Card | 435 | 0 |
| El Card Bond 1 | 168 | 0 |
| Elad | 476 | -1.2 |
| Elad Bond A | 179 | 0 |
| Elad Bond B | 150 | 0 |
| Elad c3 | 75 | -2 |
| Elad w5 | 15 | 0 |
| Elbit Computers Bond B | 133.7 | 0.5 |
| Eldan Tech. | 184.3 | -5 |
| Electronics Line | 899 | 0 |
| Elgar | 8300 | 0 |
| Elitech Ind. | 929 | 3.3 |
| Elkam | 315 | -3.1 |
| Ella | 275 | 0 |
| Ella Bond A | 144 | -0.3 |
| Elran | 5200 | 0 |
| Emek | 110 | 0 |
| Emyle | 731 | -1.2 |
| Engel Const. | 515 | -0.8 |
| ESE | 1597 | -2.3 |
| Eshed Robotech | 215 | 0 |
| Even | 500 | -4.8 |
| Evrois Warrant 1 | 1398 | 0 |
| Excellence | 1450 | 0 |
| Export Inv. | 769 | -0.1 |
| Extra | 145 | 0 |
| Feldman | 78.4 | 0 |
| Feldman Bond A | 157 | 0 |
| Feldman Ind. | 250 | 0 |
| Feuchtwanger 1 | 8090 | 0 |
| Feuchtwanger 5 | 32600 | -0.3 |
| Fideli | 2590 | 0 |
| Five J Jewelers | 371 | 0 |
| Five J Jewelers Bond 2 | 135.2 | 0 |
| Formica Source | 100 | 0 |
| Frutarom | 384 | 1.7 |
| Gahelet | 12000 | -1.6 |
| Galcom | 95 | 0 |
| Galran | 1300 | 0 |
| Gama | 139 | 0 |
| Gamatronic | 610 | -3.2 |
| Gamba | 3090 | -1 |
| Gan Shmuel Bond A | 114.2 | 0 |
| Gan Shmuel Warrant 3 | 415 | 0.2 |
| Gan Shmuel | 1349 | -1.4 |
| Ganei Hadar | 490 | 0 |
| Gap Development | 131 | 0 |
| Gap Holdings | 200 | 0 |
| Gap Warrant 2 | 2.1 | 0 |
| Gazit | 700 | 0 |
| Gazit Bond C | 137 | 0 |
| Gibor Bond 1 | 86 | 0 |
| Gibor Bond A | 86.8 | -0.2 |
| Gibor Sabrina | 62 | 0 |
| Gibor Sport | 709 | 8.6 |
| Gibor Warrant 2 | 75.1 | -6.5 |
| Gilboa | 55 | 0 |
| Gilo | 189 | 0 |
| Giltek | 1800 | -2 |
| Givot Olam Oil | 111 | 19.4 |
| Glob Fit | 844 | -0.8 |
| Golan | 350 | 0 |
| Gold | 378 | 0 |
| Golden House | 512 | 0 |
| Golden House Bond 1 | 272 | 0 |
| Golex | 217 | 0 |
| Grand Bond | 157.4 | -0.3 |
| Grand Bond 2 | 151.2 | -0.1 |

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|---|---|---|
| Green Software | 132.5 | 0 |
| Greenberg | 1400 | 0 |
| H. Electronics | 49.2 | 0 |
| H. Mer | 825 | 0 |
| Habas | 3480 | 0 |
| Habas Bond 1 | 136 | 0.7 |
| Hadar 1 | 30500 | 0 |
| Hadar 5 | 125000 | 0 |
| Hadar Ins. 1 | 868 | 0 |
| Hadar Ins. 5 | 2930 | 0 |
| Hadarim Bond1 | 121.5 | -0.4 |
| Hadarim Warrant1 | 335 | 0 |
| Hagal | 401 | 0 |
| Hagal Bond B | 166.1 | 1.2 |
| Hamakor | 165.9 | 9.9 |
| Hamal | 5.1 | 6.2 |
| Hasin Esh | 380 | 0 |
| Hason | 280 | 0 |
| Hatehof 1 | 174 | 0 |
| Hatehof Bond A | 152 | 0 |
| Hayal | 1110 | 0 |
| Hayal Bond2 | 140 | 0 |
| Hayal Warrant 1 | 78 | 0 |
| Hed Arzi Music | 270 | 0 |
| Hiron 1 | 10150 | 0 |
| Hiron 5 | 39900 | 0 |
| HL Service Bond 2 | 199 | 0 |
| HL Service Bond 3 | 154 | 0 |
| HL Services | 2250 | -1.7 |
| Hod | 109 | 3.8 |
| Hot | 320 | 0 |
| Holit | 162 | 0 |
| Hydrolics | 115 | 0 |
| IES Industries | 270 | 0 |
| IES Warrant 1 | 31 | 0 |
| Ilan Gat | 118 | 0 |
| Ilan Gat Bond A | 154 | 0 |
| ILDC Bond 6 | 269 | 0 |
| ILDC Hotels | 340 | 4.6 |
| ILDC Hotels Bond 1 | 185 | 0 |
| ILDC Hotels Warrant 2 | 72.5 | 0 |
| ILDC Insurance | 342 | 0 |
| ILDC Insurance Bond A | 142.2 | 0 |
| Imco | 905 | 0 |
| Ind Bld Warrant 3 | 24 | 9.1 |
| Ind Bldgs R1 | 2.7 | -6.9 |
| Ind.Dev.Bank C | 343 | 0 |
| Ind.Dev.Bank CC | 3200 | 0 |
| Ind.Dev.Bank CC 1 | 3210 | 0 |
| Ind.Dev.Bank Pref | 1418 | 1.3 |
| Independence Mort | 42000 | 1.9 |
| Intercosma | 1050 | 0 |
| Intergamma 1 | 2390 | 0 |
| Intergamma 5 | 11700 | 0 |
| Invertech | 613 | 0 |
| Iscal | 1080 | 0 |
| Ispro | 5500 | 0 |
| Isracolor | 345 | 4.9 |
| Israel Corp. 5 | 143900 | -0.4 |
| Israel Lighterage Bond 3 | 145.4 | 0 |
| Israel Wire & Cables Bond C | 190.5 | 0.3 |
| Isralom | 1200 | -2.3 |
| Isralom Bond C | 88.4 | 0 |
| Isramco | 2.7 | 0 |
| Isras 1 | 6780 | 0 |
| Isras 5 | 30000 | 0 |
| ISTA LINES | 2540 | 0 |
| Itay | 2300 | 0 |
| Itay Bond 1 | 81 | 0 |
| Itay Warrant 1 | 390 | 0 |
| Jalora Bond A | 174 | 0 |
| Jaysour | 167.3 | 0 |
| Jaysour Bond A | 128.9 | 0 |
| JEC Bond B | 95.3 | 0 |
| Jerusalem Mort | 200 | 0 |
| Jerusalem Mortgage Bond 16 | 174.5 | 0.8 |
| Jeunesse | 30.2 | 0 |
| JOEL | 68 | 0 |
| JOEL Bond 1A | 244 | 0 |
| JOEL Bond 2 | 136 | 0 |
| JOEL Bond A | 243 | 0 |
| JOEL Warrant 3 | 2.3 | 0 |
| Kadmani | 112 | -5.1 |
| Kadoun | 693 | 0 |
| kalrice bond b | 89.5 | 0.6 |
| kalrice warrant 1 | 72.5 | 0 |
| Kalvi | 1160 | 0 |

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|---|---|---|
| Kalkoin Bond A | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Kalkafi warrant 2 | [illegible] | 0 |
| Kamour | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Kamour Bond G | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Kanal Warrant G | 1 | 0 |
| Kanicol | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Kanicol Bond A | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Kardan 1 | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Kardan 5 | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Katz | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Katz Bond A | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Kedem Chemicals | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Kenden | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Keshet | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Keshet Bond A | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Keter | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Kind | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Kind Bond A | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Kinneret | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Kisch Kinz | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Kishrei Teufa | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Kital | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Kital Bond A | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Koor Bond A | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Kitan Ind. 5 | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Koor Bond 5 | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Kopel | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Kopel Bond 1 | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| La Nationale Bond A | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| La Nationale Pref | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Lachish | [illegible] | 1.5 |
| Lamons | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Lapidot Oil Exploration | 1 | [illegible] |
| Lapidot Oil Explorers | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Lasers | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Lavtav | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Laznick Bldg | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Laznick Comm Ctrs | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Laznick Commercial Centres Bond | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Laznick Ind Bldgs | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Laznick Industrial Bldgs Bond A | [illegible] | -0.6 |
| Leader | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Lego | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Leumi Warrant 5 | [illegible] | -1.7 |
| Leventhal | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Levi | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Levi Bond A | 145 | [illegible] |
| Levi Bond B | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Levi Warrant 2 | 36.5 | 0 |
| Levinstein Bond A | 325 | 0 |
| Levinstein Warrant 2 | 4450 | 0 |
| Levinstein | 3380 | 0 |
| Liber | 300 | 0 |
| Lidan | 1320 | 0.9 |
| Lishar 1 | 178 | 11.9 |
| Lishar 5 | 515 | 0 |
| Ligad | 281 | 0 |
| Ligad Bond 1 | [illegible] | 0 |
| Lighterage 1 | [illegible] | 0 |
| LMS | 250 | -0.7 |
| Lipman | 2850 | 0 |
| Lipski | 3590 | 2.5 |
| Lipski Bond A | 183 | 0 |
| Liraz Bond A | 144 | 0 |
| Lodan | 93 | 0 |
| Lodzia 1 | 1256 | 0 |
| Lodzia 4 | 5180 | 0 |
| Luhot Gali | 27 | 0 |
| Luhot Gali Bond 1 | 139.4 | 0 |
| Lumir | 3005 | -0.1 |
| Ma'arav Bond A | 136.3 | -0.1 |
| Maabarot | [illegible] | -1.2 |
| Maccabee | [illegible] | 0 |
| Macpell Bond A | 141.6 | [illegible] |
| Macpell Bond B | 132 | [illegible] |
| Macpell Bond C | 75 | [illegible] |
| Macpell Warrant 3 | 17.5 | [illegible] |
| Mafil | 425 | 0 |
| Magam | 150 | 0 |
| Magam Bond A | 195 | 0 |
| Magam Bond B | 131.1 | 0 |
| Magav | 130 | 0 |
| Magma | 215 | 0 |
| Magor 1 | 1490 | [illegible] |
| Magor 5 | 7500 | 0.5 |

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|---|---|---|
| Magor hldgs. Bond B | 86 | 0 |
| Magor hldgs. Warrant 2 | 360 | 0 |
| Malal | 268 | 0 |
| Mali | 76.5 | 0 |
| Malta | 510 | -7.3 |
| Man | 59 | 0 |
| Man Bond A | 235 | 0 |
| Mantur | 29.3 | 0 |
| Marathon | 90 | 0 |
| Marathon insured | 105.5 | -0.2 |
| Mario Laznick Constr. Bond 1 | 178 | 0 |
| Mario Laznick Constr. Bond 2 | 160 | -0.6 |
| Maritime Bank | 1300 | 0.8 |
| Maritime Bank Bond B | 149.5 | -0.3 |
| Mashav | 810 | 0 |
| Mashbir | 546 | 0 |
| Mashov | 395 | -2.5 |
| Mashov | 175 | 0 |
| Matam | 1490 | 0 |
| Matav Warrant 1 | 1250 | 1.2 |
| Maxima 1 | 380 | 0 |
| Maxima 5 | 1402 | 0 |
| Mazpak | 648 | 0 |
| Med. Hotels | 38.5 | 0 |
| Meditechnica | 560 | 0 |
| Meditechnica Bond A | 145 | 0 |
| Meditechnica Bond B | 83 | 0 |
| Meditechnica Warrant 2 | 49 | 0 |
| Mediterranean Hotels Bond A | 0 | 0 |
| Megason | 57.5 | 0 |
| Memad | 1500 | 1.4 |
| Meir Ezra | 1548 | 0 |
| Meir Ezra Bond B | 274 | 0 |
| Meitat | 264 | 0 |
| Melisseron Bond B | 95 | 0.5 |
| Melisseron Warrant 3 | 37 | 10.4 |
| Mendelson | 291 | 0 |
| Menofim | 24 | 0 |
| Menorah Ins 5 | 6760 | 0 |
| Mercazit | 710 | -0.4 |
| Merhav | 132.6 | 2 |
| Meytavni | 113 | 0 |
| Middle East Tube | 204 | -5.1 |
| Middle East Tube Bond A | 115.5 | 0 |
| Middle East Tube Warrant 2 | 7.5 | 0 |
| Milmor Bond A | 137.2 | -0.6 |
| Milomar Bond B | 76.5 | -1.2 |
| Millomar Warrant 2 | 70 | 0 |
| Milomor | 1430 | -2.5 |
| Mimsar | 141 | 0 |
| Mini Line | 808 | 0 |
| Minrav | 12620 | -0.8 |
| Mirage | 216 | 0 |
| Mirage Bond A | 139 | 0.4 |
| Miromi | 60 | 0 |
| Mishnael | 19 | 0 |
| Mishnael Bond B | 58 | 0 |
| Mishor Bond 2 | 154.1 | 0.1 |
| Mishor Hahol | 350 | 0 |
| Mitrani | 170 | 0 |
| Mivtach Shamir | 2000 | 0 |
| Mivtach Shamir | 1350 | 0 |
| Mizrahi Inv. | 9980 | -0.4 |
| Mizrahi warrant 2 | 67 | 2.1 |
| MM Engineering | 101 | 0 |
| MM Engineering Bond A | 75.5 | -9.9 |
| Modgal | 800 | 0 |
| Modi'in | 1 | 0 |
| Moftet | 183 | 0.8 |
| Moftet Convertible Bond AAA | 216 | -1.8 |
| Molett | 852 | 0 |
| More Plastic Ind. | 378 | 0 |
| Moshkovitz | 185 | 0 |
| MTI Computers | 342 | 0 |
| Mul-T-Lock | 663 | 0 |
| Mula Senter | 223 | 0 |
| Nachshon Fund | 37.2 | 0 |
| Naphtha | 22.3 | 0 |
| Naphtha Oil Exp | 28.1 | 0 |
| Narour | 650 | 0 |
| NATSVA BOND A | 110 | 0.3 |
| Navigator | 221 | 0 |
| Navigator Property | 931 | 0 |
| Nechushtan Bond B | 71 | 0 |
| Nechushtan Prop. | 155.9 | 0 |
| Nechushtan Properties Bond A | 145 | 0 |
| Nechushtan Warrant 1 | 20 | 0 |
| Negev Ceramics | 207 | 0 |
| Nehushtan 1 | 504 | 0 |
| Nehushtan 5 | 2800 | 0 |
| Neot Aviv | 7010 | 0 |
| Nesua | 427 | 0 |
| Neve Arbel | 185 | 0 |
| Nevim Hotels | 364 | 0 |
| Naviol | 835 | 0 |
| Nia | 244 | 0 |
| Nilow | 730 | 8.8 |
| Nisco | 1989 | 2 |
| Nissan | 250 | 8.7 |
| NMC | 240 | 0 |
| Noga | 1666 | 0 |
| Noga Incorens | 79.9 | 0.1 |
| Nordan | 13.4 | 0 |
| Nordan Tech. | 485 | 0 |
| Norfolk | 575 | 0 |
| Norfolk Bond A | 150.1 | 0 |
| Nur | 63 | 0 |
| NYP | 1140 | -0.8 |
| Oceana | 272 | 0 |
| Ocif | 7550 | -0.1 |
| Ocif Bond A | 194 | 0 |
| Ocif Bond C | 91 | -0.5 |
| Ocif Warrant 2 | 485 | -15.1 |
| Octova | 495 | 0 |
| Ofek | 239 | 0 |
| Ofer Bro | 6709 | 0 |
| Offie | 970 | 0 |
| Ogdan | 61 | 0 |
| Ohaltav | 580 | 0 |
| Oil Fields | 1.7 | -5.6 |
| Olo-Dok | 258 | 0 |
| Omni | 253 | 0 |
| Omnitech | 210 | 0 |
| Ophir | 290 | 0 |
| Ophir Tours | 445 | 0 |
| Oppenheimer | 88 | 0 |
| Optima | 157 | 0 |
| Orasys | 3070 | 0 |
| Orazit | 500 | 0 |
| Orazit Bond A | 192.7 | 0 |
| Orda | 2850 | 0 |
| Orda Bond 1 | 188 | 0 |
| Orev | 628 | 0 |
| Oneh | 124.3 | 0 |
| Orite | 350 | 0 |
| Orite Bond A | 91.2 | 0.2 |
| Orite Warrant 2 | 48 | 0 |
| Ormat Industries Bond D | 135 | 0 |
| Ormat Industries Warrants 5 | 27 | -12.9 |
| Ortal | 420 | 0 |
| Otzar Hashilton | 22000 | 5.8 |
| Oz | 146.4 | 0 |
| Oz atlde | 396 | 10 |
| Packer Steel | 5790 | 0 |
| Paltough | 685 | 0 |
| PAM | 353 | 0 |
| Pama | 550 | 0 |
| Pamas | 2200 | 0 |
| Pan Dor | 253 | 0 |
| Pardes | 600 | 0 |
| Pardes Bond A | 45 | 45.2 |
| Passport | 1534 | -9.2 |
| Paz Chen | 520 | 0 |
| PCB | 1100 | -3.5 |
| Pdan Investment | 40.4 | 0 |
| Perag | 123 | 0 |
| Periclase | 910 | 5.8 |
| Phoenix Ins. 5 | 2950 | -9.5 |
| Pica Plast | 295 | 0 |
| Pilat | 82 | 0 |
| Pinros | 130 | 0 |
| Pinros Bond A | 148 | 0 |
| Pitkit | 400 | 0 |
| Plason bond a | 102.5 | 0 |
| Plason warrant 1 | 335 | 0 |
| Plasto Sac | 565 | 0 |
| Plasto Shack Bond A | 88 | 0 |
| Plasto Shack Warrant 2 | 65 | 0 |
| Poalim Inv. Bond B | 95 | 0 |
| Poalim Inv. Warrant 3 | 2100 | 0 |
| Poalim Investments Bond A | 140 | -0.1 |
| Polak | 293 | 0 |
| Polgat A | 369 | 0 |
| Polgat B 4 | 1350 | 0 |
| Polygon | 1907 | 9 |
| Poraz | 219 | -2.2 |
| Port | 115 | 0 |
| Poseidon | 94 | 0 |
| Pri Haemek | 21 | 0 |
| Pri Haemek Bond A | 38.2 | 0 |
| Pritzker | 182 | 0 |
| Pritzker Bond A | 154.9 | 0 |
| Profit | 420 | 0 |
| Profit Bond A | 137.9 | 0.6 |
| Python | 495 | -0.6 |
| Quality Cap Mkts | 510 | 0 |
| Rabintex | 222 | 0 |
| Ram Zur | 67 | -4.3 |
| Rampor 1 | 170 | 0 |
| Rampor 4 | 500 | 0 |
| Rapak | 2200 | -1.8 |
| Rapak Bond A | 182 | 0.1 |
| Rassco | 1300 | -7.1 |
| Ratio | 1 | 0 |
| Rav Car | 178 | 0 |
| Ravad | 152.7 | 0 |
| RDC | 978 | -4.1 |
| RDC Bond A | 152 | 0 |
| Red Sea Hotels | 725 | 0.7 |
| Regency | 112.9 | 0 |
| Regency Bond 1 | 126 | 0 |
| Regent Bond A | 152 | 0 |
| Rekah | 378 | -10 |
| Reshef | 55 | 0 |
| Reshef Bond B | 119 | 0 |
| Rimoni | 750 | 4.2 |
| Rogosin | 1509 | 2.8 |
| Rogozin Bond A | 82.6 | -0.4 |
| Rogozin Warrent B | 475 | 0 |
| Romtech | 430 | 0 |
| Rosebud | 86.2 | -2.6 |
| Rosental | 108 | 0 |
| Rotem | 235 | 0 |
| Rotshtam | 127 | 0 |
| Rotshtein Bond A | 139.5 | 0 |
| RSL | 875 | -3.6 |
| Sadot Mop Bond A | 101.2 | 0.2 |
| Sagia Prop. Bond 1 | 27.5 | 0 |
| Sahar Bond a | 95.8 | 0 |
| Sahar Dev | 2910 | 0.7 |
| Sahar Securities | 560 | 0 |
| Sahar Warrant 1 | 375 | 0 |
| Senlacol | 288 | 0 |
| Sano 1 | 2600 | -6.8 |
| Sano 5 | 14100 | 0 |
| Scope | 1144 | 2.5 |
| Scope Bond A | 94 | -1.1 |
| Scope Warrant 2 | 100 | 0 |
| Sea Trade | 482 | 0 |
| Secom | 267 | -0.7 |
| Securitas | 776 | 0 |
| Securitas Bond A | 181.6 | -0.1 |
| Salan | 1200 | 0 |
| Sarafon | 365 | 0 |
| Shaked | 328 | 0 |
| Shamir | 578 | 0 |
| Shapirah | 990 | 0 |
| Shel | 209 | 0 |
| Shekel | 220 | 0 |
| Shekel Bond A | 153.2 | 0 |
| Shelem | 86.4 | -3.3 |
| Shelem Bond 1 | 154 | 0 |
| Sheleg | 121 | 0 |
| Shem Tov | 305 | 0 |
| Shemen | 11540 | 6.9 |
| Shidlot | 66 | 0 |
| Shlomo Angel | 5750 | 0 |
| Shmi c2 | 86.1 | 0 |
| Shmi w2 | 192 | 1.1 |
| Shmira | 870 | 0 |
| Shmira Bond A | 160 | 0 |
| Shniv | 600 | 0 |
| Shoarg | 95 | 0 |
| Shulamit | 430 | 0 |
| Shulamit Bond A | 142 | 0 |
| Sinai | 593 | 0 |
| Sinai Bond A | 186.7 | 0 |
| Solel Bone Bond A | 108.9 | -0.3 |
| Soli BoneR1 | 62 | -1.6 |
| Solog | 735 | 0 |
| Solomon | 576 | 0 |
| solomon bond a | 80 | 0 |
| Solomon Holdings | 405 | 0 |
| solomon warrant 2 | 59 | 0 |
| South Pipe | 353 | 0 |
| Spancrit | 175 | 0 |
| Spectronix 1 | 1236 | -1.1 |
| STG | 1220 | 0 |
| STG Bond A | 122.5 | 0 |
| Sunfrost | 4490 | 0 |
| Suny Electronics | 728 | 0 |
| Synopsis | 172 | 0 |
| Synopsis Bond A | 153 | 0 |
| Syntec | 300 | 0 |
| Ta'al | 170 | 0.6 |
| Tachol Bond B | 81 | 0 |
| Tachol Warrant 3 | 66.8 | 0 |
| Tadbik | 180 | 0 |
| Tadiran Appl | 485 | 0 |
| Tal | 130 | 0 |
| Tal Bond A | 39 | 0 |
| TAP Bond 1 | 288 | 1.8 |
| Tashloz bond a | 121.6 | 0 |
| Tashloz warrant 2 | 184.1 | 0 |
| Tashluz | 819 | 0 |
| Tashluz Bond A | 156.6 | 0 |
| Tashluz Bond B | 146.4 | 0 |
| Tashluz Prop. | 0 | 0 |
| Taste of Israel | 133 | 0 |
| TAT 1 | 430 | 0 |
| TAT 5 | 1314 | 2.7 |
| Taya | 853 | -8 |
| Taya Comm 1 | 345 | 0 |
| Team Computers | 5560 | 0 |
| Technoplast | 636 | 0.2 |
| Tedea | 1420 | -1.6 |
| Tedea Bond A | 108.8 | 0 |
| Tedea Warrant 1 | 218 | 55.7 |
| Telahot Preferred | 190700 | 0 |
| Tefen | 1295 | 0 |
| Teldor | 515 | 0 |
| Telsis | 1250 | 0 |
| Telsa Warrant 1 | 300 | 0 |
| Tene | 200 | 0 |
| Teuza | 183 | -1.1 |
| Teuza insured | 188.5 | -0.3 |
| Tibon Veel | 135 | 0 |
| Tim Warrant 3 | 539 | 0 |
| Tiv | 389 | 0 |
| TMM | 170 | 6.2 |
| Tobias | 1863 | 0 |
| Tom | 1020 | 0 |
| Topline | 560 | 0 |
| Topline Bond 2 | 168 | 0 |
| Topper | 45.2 | 0 |
| Tosaf Compounds | 379 | 0 |
| Trade | 390 | 0 |
| Trade Bond A | 219 | -6 |
| Trend Line | 1450 | 0 |
| Trocadero | 38 | 0 |
| Trydikal | 513 | 0 |
| Tsabar | 195 | 0 |
| Tsarfati | 599 | 0 |
| Tsarfati Bond A | 156 | 1.3 |
| Tsur | 183 | 0 |
| Tsur Bond A | 256 | 0 |
| Tsur Bond B | 120.2 | 0 |
| Tsur Bond C | 100.6 | 0 |
| Tsur Preferred | 144 | 0 |
| Tuttnauer | 920 | -4.2 |
| Tzmicha | 600 | 0 |
| Ulitski | 38 | 0 |
| Unibar 1 | 754 | 0 |
| Unibar 5 | 784 | 0 |
| Unico | 4500 | 0 |
| Unicom 1 | 36.2 | 0 |
| Unicom Bond 1 | 300 | 0 |
| Unidress | 2070 | 0 |
| United Steel | 188 | 0 |
| United Steel Industries Bond 1 | 162.5 | -0.3 |
| Univercol | 548 | 0 |
| Urdan | 257 | -1.5 |
| Uropa Israel | 2790 | 0 |
| Vardinon | 28000 | 0.4 |
| Vardinon Bond A | 169.1 | -0.4 |
| Vardinon Convertible Bond AAA | 158 | 0 |
| Videomatrix | 28.7 | 0 |
| Vilar | 444 | 0 |
| Vilar Bond 1 | 161.1 | 2.6 |
| Vill Food | 1295 | 0 |
| Viliger Bond A | 180 | 0 |
| Vitalgo | 384 | 0 |
| Vitalgo Bond A | 132 | 0 |
| Vulcan | 491 | 0 |
| Willi Bond A | 87 | 0 |
| Willi Warrant 1 | 435 | 0 |
| Woolfman 1 | 478 | -0.4 |
| Woolfman 5 | 2100 | 0 |
| Woolfson | 67000 | 0 |
| Ya'ana | 871 | 0 |
| Yaacobi | 127 | 0 |
| Yaad Bond A | 179 | -0.6 |
| Yaad Bond B | 82.5 | 0 |
| Yaad Industries | 280 | 0 |
| Yaad Warrant 3 | 80 | 0 |
| Yad | 490 | 0 |
| Yamit | 186 | 0 |
| Yarden | 470 | 0 |
| Yarden Bond 2 | 137 | 0 |
| YDPZ | 270 | 0 |
| YDPZ Bond A | 158 | 0 |
| Yeda | 1580 | 0 |
| Yehuda | 209 | 0 |
| Yesh Gad | 38.7 | 0 |
| Yhsal | 1649 | 2.1 |
| Yhshal Warrant 1 | 390 | 0 |
| Yona Bond A | 182.4 | 0.1 |
| Yona Hotels | 199 | 0 |
| Yozma | 437 | 0 |
| Yuval | 130 | 0 |
| Zahav | 565 | 0 |
| Zanea Holdings | 54.5 | 0 |
| Zarfati Bond B | 90.9 | 0 |
| Zarfati Warrant 2 | 37.4 | 0 |
| Zat | 85 | 0 |
| Zehavi | 120 | 0 |
| Zeller Ablagon | 417 | 0 |
| Zeller Ablagon Bond A | 157.5 | 0 |
| Zeller Ablagon Bond B | 117.5 | 0 |
| Zeller Inv. Bond A | 66 | 0 |
| Zeller Inv. Warrant 1 | 3.5 | 0 |
| Zika 1 | 620 | 0 |
| Zika 5 | 2760 | -1.8 |
| Zikit 1 | 2800 | 0 |
| Zikit 5 | 10100 | 0 |
| Zinomatal | 498 | -5.5 |
| Zion Cables 1 | 258 | -1.5 |
| Zion Holdings | 14720 | 0 |
| Zion Textiles | 230 | 0 |
| Ziv | 205 | 0 |
| Zohar | 280 | 0 |
| Zoko | 300 | 0 |

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## AMEX

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Am Israel Paper Mills | 35.25 | +0.5 |
| Ampal American Israel | 4.375 | +0 |
| Carmel Container Sys | 5.375 | 0 |
| Electro Chemical Ind | 0.75 | 0 |
| Emultek | 4.825 | -0.25 |
| Etz Lavud | 8.5625 | 0 |
| Etz Lavud Cl A | 5.75 | 0 |
| Integrated Technology | 1.625 | +0.0625 |

## NASDAQ

| | LAST | CHANGE* |
|---|---|---|
| ACS Electronics Ltd | 2 | +0.125 |
| Accent Software | 0.4375 | +0.3125 |
| A.G. Associates | 5.3125 | +0.03125 |
| Aladdin | 13 | +0.875 |
| Ampal | 11.8125 | 0 |
| Arel Commun & Software | 6.03125 | -0.09375 |
| Arel Comm & Soft Warrant | 1.1875 | -0.03125 |
| Better Online Solutions | 5.25 | +0.125 |
| Better Online Sol Ltd 99 | 0.40625 | +0.125 |
| Biogen Inc | 92.25 | -1.75 |
| Bio Technology General | 6.75 | +0.1875 |
| B.V.R. Systems Ltd | 2.1875 | +0.0625 |
| B.V.R. Technologies | 2.9375 | +0 |
| Checkpoint Software | 45.9375 | +4 |
| Cimatron | 1.75 | +0 |
| Comverse Technology | 83.625 | +4.125 |
| Crystal Systems Solutions | 12.125 | +0.1875 |
| D.S.P.G. Group | 20.75 | +1.0625 |
| D.S.P.T. Tech | 6.8125 | -0.0625 |
| Data Systems Software | 2.34375 | +0.03125 |
| ECI Telecom | 41.5 | +1 |
| Eduson | 7.625 | 0 |
| Electric Fuel | 3.3125 | -0.0625 |
| Electronics for Imaging | 37.125 | +0.125 |
| Elbit Computers | 3.71875 | +0.09375 |
| Elron Electronics ord | 15.5 | -0.0625 |
| Elbit Medical Imaging | 10.375 | +0.125 |
| Elbit Systems Ltd | 12.8125 | +0.0625 |
| Eltek Circuit Boards | 1.0625 | +0.09375 |
| Engel General Developers | 2.25 | +0 |
| ESC Medical Systems Ltd | 6.4375 | +0 |
| Elbit Vision Systems | 1.9375 | +0.125 |
| Eshed Robotec (1982) | 0.375 | 0 |
| Formula Systems (1985) | 23.75 | -0.25 |
| Forsoft Ltd | 9.875 | -0.125 |
| Fundtech | 20.75 | +0.0625 |
| Galileo | 22.25 | +0.3125 |
| G.Willi-Food | 1.375 | +0.0625 |
| Gilat Comm Ltd | 10.75 | +0.25 |
| Gilat Satellite Networks | 54.25 | +0.25 |
| Genesis Bros | 3.25 | 0 |
| Healthcare Technologies | 1 | 0 |
| Home Center | 10.5 | -0.1875 |
| I.C.T.S. | 5.375 | +0 |
| IIC Industries | 9.53125 | 0 |
| I.I.S. Intelligent info | 0.75 | +0.03125 |
| Israel Land Develop - ADR | 14.25 | 0 |
| Indigo | 4 | +0.1875 |
| ISG Intl Software Group | 13.4375 | +0.3125 |
| Isramco | 2 | +0 |
| Lan Optics | 1.6875 | -0.0625 |
| Logal | 0.875 | +0.125 |
| Level 8 Systems | 11.125 | -0.625 |
| M-Systems Flash Disk | 6.4375 | +0.875 |
| Madge | 3.53125 | -0.09375 |
| Magal Security Systems | 2.375 | -0.0625 |
| Matav | 22.9375 | 0 |
| Medis El | 6.5 | +0.25 |
| Memco | 11.8125 | +0.75 |
| Mer Telemanagement | 1.75 | +0 |
| Mercury | 57.875 | +2.875 |
| Magic Software Enterprises | 5.375 | +0.125 |
| Natmanage | 2.46875 | -0.0625 |
| New Dimension Software | 43.375 | +0.125 |
| Nexus Telecomm Sys Ltd | 2.875 | 0 |
| Nice Systems | 24.5 | -0.3125 |
| Neuro-Medical Systems | 0.25 | -0.03125 |
| Noga Electro Mechanical | 0.9375 | +0 |
| Nur Tecnology | 3 | +0.125 |
| Opti Systems Solutions | 9.625 | +0.25 |
| Optomedics Medical Tech | 1.25 | +0.125 |
| Optomedics Medical Warrant | 0.3125 | 0 |
| Orbit/FR Inc | 2.625 | -0.25 |
| Orbotech | 40.0625 | -0.8125 |
| Orckit | 20.75 | +0.75 |
| Oshap Technologies | 7.75 | +0 |
| Paradigm Geophys | 5 | +0.0625 |
| Pharmos | 1.625 | -0.03125 |
| Point of Sale | 6.8125 | +0 |
| Rada Electronics Ind | 1.03125 | +0 |
| Radcom Ltd | 3.4375 | +0.1875 |
| RIT Technologies | 1.875 | -0.0625 |
| RSL Communications | 26.375 | +0.375 |
| Scitex Corporations | 11.3125 | +0.4375 |
| Silicom | 2 | +0 |
| Summit Design | 7.0625 | -0.125 |
| Sapiens International | 11 | +0.25 |
| Scanvec | 2.25 | 0 |
| Tadiran Telecomm | 22.375 | +0.25 |
| Taro Pharmaceuticals Ind | 6.1875 | -0.0625 |
| Tat Technologies | 1.75 | +0 |
| Technomatix Technologies | 15.25 | -0.125 |
| Teva | 44 | +0.5 |
| Top Image Systems | 4.1875 | +0.4375 |
| Top Image Systyms Warrant | 0.375 | +0.0625 |
| Tower Semiconductor | 7.75 | -0.03125 |
| TTI Team Telecom Intl Ltd | 7.375 | -0.0625 |
| TVG Technologies | 0.53125 | 0 |
| TVG Tech A | 0.125 | -0.375 |
| TVG Tech B | 0.3125 | +0 |
| TVG Tech C | 0.21875 | +0 |
| Vocaltec | 15.5625 | -0.0625 |
| Wiz Tec Solutions | 13.375 | -0.125 |
| Zoran Corporation | 14.5625 | -0.0625 |

## NYSE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Amdocs | 20.875 | +4.125 |
| Blue Square | 12.125 | +0.25 |
| D.S.P. Communications | 19 | -0.125 |
| Elscint | 11.875 | -0.125 |
| First Israel Fund | 11.375 | -0.25 |
| PEC Israeli Economic Corp | 26.5 | +0.0625 |
| Koor | 17.5625 | -0.3125 |
| Simula Inc | 7.3125 | +0 |
| Super-Sol Ltd | 12 | 0 |
| Tadiran | - | - |
| Tefron Ltd | 7.8125 | +0.25 |

SOURCE: S&P COMSTOCK (DATE 26-JAN-99)

## LONDON

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Baltm Advanced | 193.5 | +0 |
| Dmatek Ltd | 29 | +0 |
| Pilat | 14 | -0.5 |
| S.E.A. Multimedia | - | - |

SOURCE: S&P COMSTOCK (DATE 26-JAN-99)

INTERNATIONAL SHARES

## NEW YORK

| | LAST | CHANGE* |
|---|---|---|
| Aza | 44.625 | +1.375 |
| AMP Inc | 52.125 | +1.125 |
| AMR Corp | 55.875 | +0.25 |
| ASA | 16.375 | -0.8125 |
| Abbott Labs | 45.5625 | +2.125 |
| Advanced Micro | 22 | +0.5625 |
| Aetna Life | 83.8125 | +0.9375 |
| Affiliated Publ | 17 | +0 |
| Aflac | 41.875 | -0.125 |
| Air Prods | 35.5 | -0.5625 |
| Alberto-Culv B | 26 | -0.125 |
| Albertson's | 60.875 | +1.5625 |
| Alcan Aluminum | 25.8125 | +0.4375 |
| Allied Signal | 40.0625 | +0.5 |
| Alcoa | 83.25 | +0.125 |
| Amazon | 115.094 | +2.71875 |
| Amerada Hess | 48.25 | -0.75 |
| Amer Brands | 22.3125 | -0.3125 |
| Amer El Power | 45.6875 | -0.125 |
| Amer Express | 101.75 | +0.25 |
| Amer Genl Corp | 68.8125 | -1.625 |
| Amer Greeting | 39.8125 | +0.25 |
| Amer Home Pr | 52.1875 | +0.125 |
| Amer Int'l | 96.3125 | -0.3125 |
| Amer Natl Ins | 81.5 | -0.75 |
| Amer Power Conv | 51.0625 | +2.9375 |
| Amer Stores | 38.75 | +1.5 |
| Amer T & T | 86.875 | -2.75 |
| Amer West Hldg | 22.1875 | +0.625 |
| Ameritech | 65.5625 | -1.75 |
| Ametek Inc | 18.4375 | +0 |
| Amgen | 112.75 | -1.4375 |
| Amoco | - | - |
| Analog Devices | 29.625 | +1.125 |
| Andrew Corp | 18 | -0.6875 |
| Anheuser-Busch | 67.75 | +0.125 |
| Aon Corp | 52.125 | -0.1875 |
| Apple Computer | 40.5 | +1.125 |
| Applied Magnetics | 6.1875 | +0.125 |
| Applied Materials | 58.5625 | +4.5625 |
| Archer Daniels | 15.375 | -0.375 |
| Armco | 5 | +0 |
| Armstrong World | 61.1875 | +0.125 |
| Asarco | 14.8125 | +0 |
| Ascend | 64.9063 | +5.96875 |
| Ashland Coal | 13.0625 | -0.0625 |
| Ashland Oil | 47.25 | -0.25 |
| Atlantic Energy | 22.5625 | +0.125 |
| Atlantic Richfld | 58.75 | -0.1875 |
| Auto Data Pro | 38 | +0 |
| Autodesk | 43.8125 | -0.5 |
| Avery Dennison | 43.0625 | +2.375 |
| Avnet Inc | 45.5625 | +1.375 |
| Avon Products | 36.4375 | -1.125 |
| Balmco Corp | 6.5625 | +0.0625 |
| Baker Hughes | 17.0625 | -0.875 |
| Ball Corp | 45.125 | +0.75 |
| Baltimore Gas | 28.125 | -0.0625 |
| Banc One Corp | 51 | -1.125 |
| Bandag | 40.375 | -0.25 |
| BankAmerica | 64.9375 | +0.25 |
| Bank of Boston | 38.75 | -0.375 |
| Bank of New Yk | 34.25 | -1 |
| Bankers Trst NY | 87.375 | +0.3125 |
| Barnes & Noble | 40 | +0.9375 |
| Battle Mount Gd | 4 | +0 |
| Bausch & Lomb | 61.5 | +0.6875 |
| Baxter Intl | 64.875 | +0.3125 |
| Becton Dickinson | 36.25 | +0.5625 |
| Bed Bath & Bynd | 33.25 | -0.75 |
| Bell Atlantic | 55.4375 | +1 |
| Bell Industries | 11.375 | +0.25 |
| BellSouth | 47.25 | +4.25 |
| HA Belo Corp | 18.75 | -0.25 |
| Beneficial Corp | 20 | -0.25 |
| Bethlehem Steel | 9.3125 | -0.0625 |
| Beverly Entprs | 5.9375 | -0.1875 |
| Biomet | 37.4375 | -0.25 |
| Black & Decker | 53.6875 | -4.1875 |
| Boeing | 35 | -1 |
| Boise Cascade | 31.8125 | -0.5625 |
| Books a Million | 10.8125 | -0.25 |
| Borden Inc | 23.375 | -0.5625 |
| Bowater Inc | 40.8125 | +0.0625 |
| Briggs & Strtn | 52.875 | +1.9375 |
| Brist Myrs Sqb | 122.625 | +4.3125 |
| Brit Airws ADR | 59.375 | -0.5 |
| Brit Steel ADR | 19.4375 | -0.125 |
| Brit Telecom | 157.5 | -0.5 |
| Brown Group | 18.5 | +0.125 |
| Brown & Sharpe | 7.5 | -0.0625 |
| Browning Ferris | 27.75 | -0.125 |
| Brunswick | 25.625 | +0.0625 |
| Burlington Nthn | 32.8125 | -0.1875 |
| Burlington Res | 31.9375 | -0.625 |
| CBS Inc | 34.4375 | -0.375 |
| CMS Energy Corp | 44.9375 | +0.125 |
| CSX Corporation | 39.875 | +0.75 |
| Cabot Corp | 25.125 | -0.5 |
| Campbell Soup | 44.125 | -1.4375 |
| Canadian Pac | 20.0625 | -0.75 |
| Capital Cts ABC | 53.875 | +0.125 |
| Capstead | 5.125 | -0.0625 |
| Ceramatrix Corp | 25.25 | -0.875 |
| Carnival Corp | 45.3125 | +1.75 |
| Carolina Pwr Lt | 43.25 | -0.3125 |
| Carpenter Tech | 30.5 | -0.9375 |
| Caterpiller | 44.9375 | +0.375 |
| Centex Corp | 42.4375 | +1.8125 |
| Central & SW | 26.875 | +0.125 |
| Ceridian | 77.5 | +3.0625 |
| Champion Intl | 38.5 | +0 |
| Chrmg Shoppes | 3.78125 | +0.03125 |
| Chase Manhattan | 74.25 | -0.1875 |
| Chevron Corp | 79.5 | -0.375 |
| Citigroup Inc | 55.1875 | +1.9375 |
| Chiquita Brands | 10 | -0.0625 |
| Cholestec | 3.625 | +0 |
| Chubb Corp | 59.25 | +1.6875 |
| Cisco | 107.125 | +3.6875 |
| Clevid Cliffs | 41.25 | +0.4375 |
| Clorox | 116.375 | +2.5625 |
| Coastal Corp | 31 | +0 |
| Coca Cola | 62.375 | -0.5625 |
| Coca Cola Ent | 34.5625 | +0.625 |
| Colgate Palmolv | 75.125 | +0.0625 |
| Comcast Corp A | 68.0313 | +1.09375 |
| Compaq | 49.0625 | +2.375 |
| Compute Ass Int | 48.5625 | +0.1875 |
| Computer Sci | 65.75 | +2.75 |
| Conagra | 31.9375 | -0.5625 |
| Cons Edison | 50.6875 | +0.1875 |
| Cons Freightwys | 43.1875 | +1.125 |
| Cons Nat Gas | 51.9375 | -0.6875 |
| Cooper Inds | 42.9375 | -0.25 |
| Coors (Adolph) | 59.25 | -0.125 |
| Corning Inc | 46.875 | -1.5 |
| Crane | 28.5 | -0.5 |
| Crompton Knowles | 17.375 | -0.5625 |
| Crown Cork Seal | 33.875 | +0.75 |
| Cummins Engine | 36.125 | +0.5 |
| Curtiss-Wright | 37.1875 | +0.3125 |
| Cypress Semicon | 10 | +0.8125 |
| Cypress Mineral | 9.9375 | +0.375 |
| Cytec Indust | 22.0625 | +1.875 |
| Daimlerchrysle | 104.75 | +1.875 |
| DCE | 40.875 | -0.25 |
| Dallas Semi | 38.375 | +1.375 |
| Dana Corp | 40.9375 | +1 |
| Data General | 20.625 | +0.375 |
| Dayton Hudson | 60.875 | +0.625 |
| De Beers | 14.125 | -0.0625 |
| Deere | 33 | -0.5 |
| Dell Computers | 88.5 | +3.625 |
| Delta Air Lines | 51.5 | -0.25 |
| Deluxe Corp | 35.4375 | -0.0625 |
| Detroit Edison | 41.4375 | -0.375 |
| Dial Corp Del | 27.1875 | +0 |
| Diebold Inc | 34.5625 | +0.4375 |
| Dillard Dep St | 25.125 | +0.125 |
| Disney (Walt) | 34.5625 | -0.375 |
| Dominion Res | 45.25 | +0.0625 |
| Donnelley (RR) | 36.375 | -0.125 |
| Dover Corp | 31.6875 | +0.5625 |
| Dow Chemicals | 88.3125 | -0.1875 |
| Dow Jones | 45.3125 | +0 |
| Duke Power | 62.8125 | -0.625 |
| Dun & Bradst | 30.8125 | -0.1875 |
| Du Pont | 53.875 | -0.875 |
| E G & G Corp | 28.625 | +0.5625 |
| Eastern Ents | 39.875 | +0.25 |
| Eastman Kodak | 66.25 | +1.25 |
| Eaton Corp | 71.75 | +2 |
| Egghead Com | 20 | -0.1875 |
| Emerson Elec | 55.5625 | -0.5 |
| Engelhard Corp | 19.9375 | -0.25 |
| Enron Corp | 64.375 | -1 |
| Entergy Corp | 29.9375 | -0.125 |
| Enzo Biochem | 10.5625 | -0.0625 |
| Equifax Inc | 37.4375 | -1.0625 |
| Ericsson | 24.5 | +0.125 |
| Ethyl Corp | 6.625 | +0.0625 |
| Exide Corp | 19.0625 | +0.3125 |
| Exxon | 72.1875 | +0.1875 |
| FMC Corp | 53.75 | -0.6875 |
| FPL Group | 55.9375 | -0.375 |
| Fedders Corp | 5.4375 | +0 |
| Federal Express | 82.9375 | +3.125 |
| Federal Mogul | 62.75 | +0.9375 |
| Fed Nat Mtge | 72.125 | -0.25 |
| First Union | 57.0625 | +0.25 |
| Fruit of the Loom | 15.8125 | -0.9375 |
| Fst Union Rlty | 5.125 | +0.125 |
| Fleet Finl Grp | 43.875 | -0.0625 |
| Fleetwd Enterp | 36.5 | -0.0625 |
| Fleming Cos Ok | 9 | -0.125 |
| Florida Prog | 42.4375 | -0.375 |
| Fluor Corp | 38.9375 | -1.3125 |
| Food Lion Inc | 9.96875 | +0.21875 |
| Ford Motor | 61.8125 | +0.8125 |
| Fortune Brands | 32.9375 | +0.75 |
| Foster Wheeler | 12.9375 | -0.625 |
| Furniture Brands | 26.375 | -0.1875 |
| Gateway 2000 | 69.75 | +0.875 |
| GATX Corp | 36.875 | +0.125 |
| GTE Corp | 66.25 | +1.5 |
| Gannett | 62.625 | +0.125 |
| Gap Inc Del | 63.4375 | +4.3125 |
| Gencorp | 24.75 | +0.375 |
| Gen Am Invest | 30.8125 | -0.0625 |
| Gen Dynamics | 58.3125 | +2.3125 |
| Gen Electric | 101.938 | +1.4375 |
| Gen Mills | 80.375 | -0.0625 |
| Gen Motors | 91.25 | +1.5 |
| Gen Motors H | 50.4875 | +1.9375 |
| Gen Public Util | 43.9375 | -0.4375 |
| Gen Resources | - | - |
| Gen DataComm | 2.75 | -0.0625 |
| Genuine Parts | 32.1875 | +0.25 |
| Georgia Pac | 65.6875 | +0.875 |
| Germany Fund | 14.625 | +0.0625 |
| Gillette | 51.5 | -0.375 |
| Glaxo ADR | 70.5625 | +0.5 |
| Golden W Finl | 92.375 | -1 |
| Goodrich (BF) | 35.25 | +0.25 |
| Goodyear Tire | 49.5 | +0.8125 |
| Grace (W&R) | 15 | -0.5 |
| Grainger (WW) | 37.6875 | +0.125 |
| Grt All Pac Tea | 32.75 | +0.875 |
| Grt Central Mine | 2.5625 | +0 |
| Gulf Canada Res | 2.5 | +0.0625 |
| Halliburton | 29.25 | -1.25 |
| Hanna (MA) | 12.5 | +0.0625 |
| Harcourt | 49.875 | -0.375 |
| Harley Davidson | 49.375 | +0.625 |
| Harnischfeger | 9.0625 | +0.25 |
| Harrah's Ent | 14.875 | -0.375 |
| Harris Corp | 37.5625 | +0.6875 |
| Harsco Corp | 26.375 | -0.375 |
| Hartmax | 5.1875 | -0.0625 |
| Hasbro | 35.25 | +0.8125 |
| HBO & Co | - | - |
| Health Care Ppt | 29.875 | +0.0625 |
| Hecla Mining | 3.625 | -0.25 |
| Heinz (HJ) | 54 | -0.375 |
| Helix Technol | 19.125 | +0.4375 |
| Hmrch & Payne | 18.375 | -0.625 |
| Hercules | 26.5 | -0.375 |
| Hershey Foods | 61.5 | +0 |
| Hewlett Packard | 72.625 | +1.25 |
| Hilton Hotels | 14.5 | -0.125 |
| Hirsch Int | 4.3125 | +0.1875 |
| Hollinger | 12.5 | +0.125 |
| Home Depot | 58.3125 | +0.5625 |
| Homestake | 8.75 | -0.9375 |
| Honeywell | 67.9375 | +0.9375 |
| Hormel (Geo) | 32.5 | -0.0625 |
| Household Intl | 42.5 | -1.375 |
| Houston Inds | 31.6875 | -0.125 |
| Humana | 18.6875 | +0 |
| IBM | 185.438 | +3.4375 |
| Illinova Corp | 25.0625 | +0 |
| Illinois Tool | 60.9375 | -0.375 |
| INCO | 11 | -0.4375 |
| Ind Comm Bank | 16 | -0.1875 |
| Ingersoll Rand | 48.5625 | +1.25 |
| Inland Steel | 14.5 | -0.5 |
| Intel Corp | 136.938 | +6.3125 |
| Intergraph | 5.125 | -0.0625 |
| Interlake | 6.6875 | -0.125 |
| Intl Flav & Fr | 43.625 | +1.1875 |
| Intl Multifoods | 24.625 | -0.125 |
| Intl Paper | 42.875 | +0.8125 |
| Interpublic | 74.1875 | +0.625 |
| Jefferson Plt | 73.8125 | +1.3125 |
| Johnson & J | 82.5625 | +3.8125 |
| K Mart | 15.75 | +0.125 |
| K Tel Int | 11.875 | +0.875 |
| Kaiser Alum | 5.4375 | -0.0625 |
| Kellogg | 38.8125 | +0 |
| KLA Instruments | 54.6875 | +3.0625 |
| Kennametal | 23.375 | -0.6875 |
| Kerr-McGee | 33.875 | -0.375 |
| KeyCorp | 31.375 | +0.5625 |
| Kimberly-Clark | 49.5 | +0.25 |
| King World Prod | 27.625 | +0.1875 |
| Knight Ridder | 47.1875 | +0 |
| Kroger | 60.0625 | +2.875 |
| LSI Logic | 23.875 | +0.375 |
| Leggett & Platt | 21.375 | -0.5 |
| Laucadia Natl | 31 | -0.5 |
| Lilly (Eli) | 89.5 | +3.25 |
| Limited Inc | 33 | +0.75 |
| Linear Technol | 100.563 | +1.4375 |
| Lincoln Nat | 80.3125 | +0.1875 |
| Litton | 59.9375 | +0.0625 |
| Liz Claiborne | 36 | -0.25 |
| Lockheed Corp | 39.125 | +0.6875 |
| Loews Corp | 86.5625 | -1.375 |
| Lone Star | 38.5 | -0.125 |
| Longs Drug Strs | 37.1875 | -0.125 |
| Loral Corp | 21.875 | +2.0625 |
| Louisiana Pacl | 19.0625 | -0.625 |
| Lowe's Co Inc | 53.375 | +0.125 |
| Lucent Tech | 109.563 | +7.5 |
| Lubrizol | 21.875 | -0.5625 |
| Madge | 3.53125 | -0.09375 |
| Mallinckrodt | 31.6875 | +0.5625 |
| Mapco Inc | 14.125 | +0.375 |
| Marriott | 32.4375 | +0.1875 |
| Mrsh & McLn | 57.4375 | -0.0625 |
| Masco Corp | 30.4375 | +0.6875 |
| Massmutual Corp | 23.875 | +0.125 |
| Mattel Inc | 21.875 | +0.1875 |
| May Dept St | 57.5 | -0.125 |
| Maytag Corp | 63.6875 | +0.125 |
| McDermott | 22.25 | -0.6875 |
| McDonalds | 78.9375 | +3.0625 |
| McGraw Hill | 108.938 | -3.9375 |
| McKesson Corp | 74.375 | -7.625 |
| Mead Corp | 30.3125 | -0.0625 |
| Medtronic | 70.9375 | +0.9375 |
| Mellon Bk | 67.125 | +1.125 |
| Mentor Graphics | 9.625 | +0.125 |
| Merck Inc | 143.688 | +6.1875 |
| Meredith Corp | 35.8125 | +0.6875 |
| Merrill Lynch | 73.5 | +0.5625 |
| Micron Technol | 71.875 | +2.875 |
| Microsoft Corp | 171.563 | +8.6875 |
| Millipore | 31.9375 | +0.375 |
| Mine Safety App | 68.875 | -0.5625 |
| Minnesota Mine | 78 | +0.875 |
| Mitchell Energy | 12.75 | +0.0625 |
| Mobil Corp | 88.5625 | +0.5625 |
| Molex Inc | 25.875 | +0.25 |
| Monarch Macht | 7 | +0.09375 |
| Monsanto | 44.75 | +3.6875 |
| Morgan (JP) | 104.25 | +0 |
| Morton Intl | 25.5 | +0.0625 |
| Motorola Inc | 71.25 | +1.5 |
| Murphy Oil | 38 | -0.625 |
| Nacco Inds | 86.375 | -0.5625 |
| Nalco Chemical | 27.0625 | -0.1875 |
| Nashua Corp | 12.75 | +0.1875 |
| Natl City Corp | 70.75 | +0.125 |
| Natl Semi | 13.875 | +0 |
| Natl Serv Ind | 35 | +0.5625 |
| NatWest Bank | 110.5 | -2.9375 |
| Navistar Int | 32.9375 | +0.3125 |
| Netscape | 65.8125 | +3.5625 |
| New England El | 49 | +0.25 |
| News Corp | 27.75 | +1 |
| NY Times | 33 | +0.625 |
| Newmont Mining | 17.9375 | -0.6875 |
| Niag Mohawk | 15.25 | -0.125 |
| Nicor Inc | 40 | -0.25 |
| Niles Inc | 42.0625 | -0.25 |
| NL Industries | 12.5625 | +0.375 |
| Noble Affil | 22.5 | -0.5625 |
| Nokia | 145 | +1 |
| Nordstrom | 38.5313 | +0.90625 |
| Norfolk Southrn | 27.5625 | -0.25 |
| Northeast Util | 15.625 | -0.125 |
| Northern Telecom | 58.4375 | +3 |
| Novell | 20.25 | +0.125 |
| Nthn State Pwr | 36.375 | -0.0625 |
| Northrop | 60.1875 | -0.9375 |
| NSI | 0.25 | -0.03125 |
| Occidental Pet | 15.875 | -0.25 |
| Ogden Corp | 26.875 | +0.375 |
| OEA | 13.875 | +0.125 |
| Ohio Casualty | 43.375 | +0.5 |
| Olin Corp | 24.75 | -0.4375 |
| Omnicom Group | 62.25 | +1.0625 |
| Oneok Inc | 31.3125 | -0.5 |
| Oracle Systems | 52.875 | +1.8125 |
| Oryx Energy Co | 12.25 | -0.0625 |
| Oshkosh B'gosh | 15.5 | -0.625 |
| Overseas Ship | 15.1875 | +0.6875 |
| Owens Corning | 37.125 | -0.5 |
| PNC Financial | 49.75 | +1.125 |
| PPG Industries | 56 | -0.4375 |
| Paccar Inc | 41 | -0.375 |
| Pac Gas & Elect | 33.5 | +0.375 |
| Pall Corp | 24.125 | +0.25 |
| Parker Drilling | 3.5 | +0 |
| Parker Hannifin | 30 | -0.75 |
| Payless Shoe | 51.5625 | +1.625 |
| Penney (JC) | 40 | +0.0625 |
| Pennsyl Pwr Lt | 26.875 | +0 |
| Pennzoil | 15.875 | -0.375 |
| People's Energy | 35.875 | +0.1875 |
| Pepsico | 39.875 | -0.375 |
| Perkin Elmer | 96.3125 | +5.4375 |
| Pfizer | 120 | +2.5 |
| Pharmacia & Upj | 56.5625 | +0.5625 |
| Phelps Dodge | 46.25 | -0.1875 |
| Philadel Elec | 38.4375 | +0.6875 |
| Phillip Morris | 48 | +1.0625 |
| Phillips Elec | 76.25 | -4 |
| Phillips Pet | 40.625 | -0.0625 |
| Phycor Inc | 6.8125 | -0.125 |
| Pioneer Hi Bred | 28.4375 | +0.25 |
| Pitney Bowes | 64.125 | +0.3125 |
| Policy Mgt Sys | 61.8125 | +0.375 |
| Polycom | 26.75 | +1.375 |
| Potash Corp | 64.0625 | -0.9375 |
| Potomac El Pwr | 24.4375 | -0.3125 |
| Procter & Gamble | 85.5625 | +1.9375 |
| Promus Hotel Cor | 28.9375 | -0.4375 |
| Pub Svc Enterpr | 39.75 | -0.125 |
| Pug Snd Pwr | 26.125 | +0 |
| Quaker Oats | 56 | +0 |
| Qualcom | 60 | +1.875 |
| Quanex Corp | 20.0625 | -0.4375 |
| RJR Nabisco | 26.8125 | -1.125 |
| Ralston Purina | 28.5 | +2.5 |
| Rank Organsn ADR | 6.4375 | +0 |
| Raychem Corp | 25.9375 | +2.125 |
| Raytheon A | 55.125 | +0.4375 |
| Raytheon B | 55.625 | +0.1875 |
| Reebok Intl | 15 | -0.0625 |
| Republic NY | 40.9375 | +0 |
| Reynolds Reyn A | 19.875 | -0.625 |
| Reynolds Metals | 49.1875 | -0.5 |
| Rite Aid Corp | 48.8125 | +0.625 |
| Rockwell Intl | 43.8125 | +1.8125 |
| Rohm & Haas | 32 | -0.0625 |
| Rouse | 24.625 | -0.375 |
| Rowan | 8.9375 | -0.5 |
| Royal Dutch | 42.375 | -0.75 |
| Rubbermaid | 29.9375 | +0.90625 |
| Ruddick | 18.3125 | -0.125 |
| Russell Corp | 20.0625 | +0.3125 |
| Ryder System | 25.1875 | +0.0625 |
| SPS Technology | 52.25 | +0.5625 |
| Safeco Corp | 39.875 | +0.25 |
| Safety-Kleen | 14.625 | +1 |
| St Paul's Cos | 30.8125 | +0.8125 |
| Sara Lee Corp | 25.75 | +0.625 |
| Schering Plough | 52.625 | +0.6875 |
| Schlumberger | 48 | -2 |
| Scientif Atlanta | 26.6875 | +0 |
| Scripps | 45.5 | -0.875 |
| Seagate Tech | 39.875 | +0.8125 |
| Seagram | 46.75 | +1.4375 |
| Sears Roebuck | 41.4375 | +1 |
| Sempra Energy | 24.375 | -0.1875 |
| Sensormatic Elec | 10.9375 | +0.5 |
| Sequent Computer | 14.6875 | +0.75 |
| Service Corp I | 19.125 | -15.3125 |
| Service Master | 17.625 | -0.5625 |
| Shell Trans | 32.1875 | -0.6875 |
| Sherwin Willms | 28.0625 | +0.5625 |
| Shoney's Inc | 2.625 | -0.4375 |
| Sigma Aldrich | 28.375 | +0.125 |
| Silicon Graphics | 18.125 | +0.6875 |
| Skyline Corp | 31.4375 | -0.6875 |
| Smith Intl | 25.375 | -2.125 |
| SmKline Bchm A | 69.375 | +0.375 |
| Snap-On-Tools | 34.3125 | -0.125 |
| Sonat | 25.25 | -0.125 |
| Sonoco Prods | 28.3125 | +0.4375 |
| Sony Corp ADR | 69.6875 | -0.5 |
| Southdown | 58.8125 | +1.375 |
| Southern Co | 28 | -0.1875 |
| Southw Airlines | 26.75 | +0.1875 |
| SBC Sthwstn Bell | 54 | -0.3125 |
| Spring Inds | 39.875 | -0.3125 |
| Sprint Corp | 83.6875 | +1.1875 |
| Standard Prods | 19.9375 | -0.25 |
| Stanley Works | 26.3125 | -0.25 |
| Storage Technol | 35.1875 | +1 |
| Sun America | 1.3125 | 0 |
| Sunbeam Corp | 6.9375 | +0.0625 |
| Sun Company | 33.5 | +0 |
| Sundstrand | 47.375 | +1.9375 |
| Sun Microsystems | 106.625 | +5.5625 |
| Sunshine Mining | 0.5625 | -0.0625 |
| Suntrust | 68.9375 | -0.75 |
| Supervalu | 26.25 | +0 |
| Symantec | 21.9375 | -0.75 |
| Sysco Corp | 26.1875 | +0.0625 |
| TJX Cos Inc | 30 | +0.0625 |
| TRW Inc | 51.1875 | +0.5625 |
| Tab Products | 8.75 | -0.125 |
| Tandy Corp | 48.0625 | -0.375 |
| Telecom Corp | 64.8125 | -1.6875 |
| Telefonos de Mex | 48.6875 | +0 |
| Telef De Espana | 138.125 | -0.25 |
| Temple Inland | 58.6875 | -1.0625 |
| Tenneco | 32.5 | -0.875 |
| Tenet Health | 20.75 | -0.25 |
| Teradyne | 59.875 | +3.375 |
| Tesoro Pet | 11.9375 | +0.5 |
| Texaco | 48.5 | -2.125 |
| Texas Instrmnts | 98.25 | +4.625 |
| Texas Utilities | 46.125 | +1 |
| Textron | 71.8125 | +0 |
| Thomas & Betts | 47 | +0.0625 |
| ThreeCom | 47.3438 | +1.34375 |
| Time Warner | 65.4375 | +2.5625 |
| Times-Mirror | 55.5625 | +1.25 |
| Timken | 21.5 | -0.6875 |
| Torchmark | 32.8125 | -0.5 |
| Tosco Corp | 21.875 | +0.125 |
| Toys R Us | 15.0625 | +0.0625 |
| Transamerica | 56.4375 | +0.75 |
| Transco Energy | 59.75 | +0 |
| Tribune | 63 | -0.5625 |
| Triton Energy | 7.1875 | -0.1875 |
| TWA | 4.8125 | +0 |
| Tyco Intl Ltd | 72.3125 | +2.625 |
| Tyler | 4.75 | +0.125 |
| UAL Corp | 60.3125 | -0.25 |
| USG Corp | 51.8125 | +1.1875 |
| UST Inc | 32.125 | -0.5625 |
| USX Marathon | 25.375 | -0.625 |
| USX-US Steel | 26.375 | -0.0625 |
| Ultramar Diam | 22.75 | +1.125 |
| Unicom Corp | 35.8125 | +0.0625 |
| Unilever PLC | 40.3125 | -0.5625 |
| Unilever NV | 75.3125 | -1.3125 |
| Union Camp | 65.8125 | +0.9375 |
| Union Carbide | 43.3125 | -0.9375 |
| Union Pacific | 50.625 | +1.25 |
| Unisys Corp | 33.3125 | -0.4375 |
| USAIR Group | 49 | -0.6875 |
| US Home | 36.9375 | +0.4375 |
| US Trust | 74.5 | +1 |
| US West | 59.875 | +2.5 |
| United Tech | 117.25 | +1.4375 |
| Unocal Corp | 29.25 | -0.625 |
| VF Corp | 44.5 | +0.5625 |
| VMRX Pharmaceutic | 1.4375 | -0.1875 |
| Valero Energy | 18.375 | +0.25 |
| Varian Assoc | 35.125 | +0.25 |
| Viacom Inc | 81.5 | -0.75 |
| Vishay | 13.4375 | -0.4375 |
| Vulcan Materials | 135.125 | +2.125 |
| Wachovia | 86.25 | -0.0625 |
| Walgreen | 59.1875 | +0.8125 |
| Wal-Mart Stores | 83.5625 | +1.5625 |
| Warner-Lambert | 69 | +1.5 |
| Wash Gas Light | 24.5625 | +0 |
| Washington Post | 579.625 | -11.375 |
| Waste Mgmnt Inc | 51.5 | +1.0625 |
| Watkins-Johnson | 21.25 | -1.125 |
| Weis Markets | 38.5 | -0.1875 |
| Wells Fargo | 35.8125 | -0.5 |
| Wendy's Int | 23.125 | +0.125 |
| Westvaco | 23.9375 | +0.0625 |
| Weyerhaeuser | 54.3125 | -0.3125 |
| Whirlpool | 50.3125 | -0.9375 |
| Whitman | 19.5625 | -3.9375 |
| Williams Co | 32.875 | -0.0625 |
| Winn Dxie Stos | 45.3125 | +0.0625 |
| Woolworth | 5.5 | -0.1875 |
| World Comm | 77.9375 | +0.25 |
| Worthington Ind | 13.3125 | -0.3125 |
| Wrigley | 86.875 | -1.1875 |
| Xerox | 118.125 | +10.75 |
| Yahoo | 351.375 | +39.375 |
| Yellow Fraght | 19.25 | +0.375 |

## LONDON

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Allied Domecq | 468 | +10 |
| Allied Zurich | 900.5 | -10 |
| BAT Inds | 619 | +15 |
| BT | 943.5 | -4 |
| BTR | 107 | +2.75 |
| Barclays | 1359 | -34 |
| Bass | 778.5 | -17.5 |
| Boots | 870 | +33.5 |
| British Airways | 352.5 | +2.5 |
| Comm Union plc | 847 | -1.5 |
| Diageo | 654 | -1.6 |
| General Electric | 558.5 | +0 |
| Glaxo | 2114 | -10 |
| Halifax | 755 | -1 |
| HSBC (75p shs) | 1695 | -9 |
| ICI | 504 | +5 |
| Land Securities | 703 | +2 |
| Lloyds Bank | 799 | +4 |
| Marks & Spencer | 349 | +12 |
| NatWest Bank | 1086 | -27 |
| Prudential | 937.5 | -0.5 |
| Reuters | 665.5 | +10.5 |
| Sainsbury | 428 | +5.25 |
| Shell Transport | 318.5 | -7 |
| Tyco Intl | 4300 | +50 |
| Unilever | 592.5 | -3.5 |
| Zeneca | 2672 | +13 |

## PARIS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Accor | 175 | -3.2 |
| Air Liquide | 141 | +0 |
| Alcatel Alsthom | 101.5 | +3.8 |
| Euro Disney | 1.08 | -0.04 |
| Michelin B | 32.86 | +2.05 |
| Moulinex | 10.74 | -0.24 |
| Paribas | 82.4 | +1.4 |
| Pernod Ricard | 52 | +0 |
| Peugeot | 137.9 | +0 |
| Saint Gobain | 120.5 | +8.9 |

## FRANKFURT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Bayer | 32.15 | +0 |
| Daimler-Benz | - | |
| Lufthansa | 18.6 | -0.35 |
| Mannesmann | - | |
| Metallgesellschaft | 12.55 | -0.15 |
| Volkswagen | 68 | +1.9 |

SOURCE: S&P COMSTOCK (DATE 26-JAN-99)

## FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

| | Last | Change |
|---|---|---|
| Sal (Basket) (1) | 4.462 | 0 |
| U.S. Dollar (1) | 4.079 | 0 |
| British Pound (1) | 6.6973 | 0 |
| Deutsch Mark (1) | 2.4164 | 0 |
| French Franc (1) | 0.7205 | 0 |
| Japanese Yen (100) | 3.5867 | 0 |
| Swiss Franc (1) | 2.9513 | 0 |
| Canadian Dollar (1) | 2.6802 | 0 |
| Italian Lira (1000) | 2.4408 | 0 |
| Jordanian Dinar (1) | 5.733 | 0 |

# ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS

**Patah (foreign currency deposit rates)**

| Currency (deposit for:) | 3 MONTHS | 6 MONTHS | 12 MONTHS |
|---|---|---|---|
| U.S. dollar ($250,000) | 4.770 | 4.800 | 5.080 |
| Pound sterling (£100,000) | 5.550 | 5.540 | 5.620 |
| German mark (DM 200,000) | 2.180 | 2.280 | 2.700 |
| Swiss franc (SF 200,000) | 0.060 | 0.190 | 0.560 |
| Yen (10 million yen) | — | — | — |

(Rates vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

**Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (26.1.99)**

| | CHECKS AND TRANSFERS Buy | Sell | BANKNOTES Buy | Sell | Rep. Rates** |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Currency basket | 4.4190 | 4.4190 | — | — | 4.4620 |
| U.S. dollar | 4.0414 | 4.1066 | 3.98 | 4.16 | 4.0790 |
| EU euro | 4.6751 | 4.7506 | — | — | 4.7261 |
| German mark | 2.3903 | 2.4289 | 2.36 | 2.46 | 2.4164 |
| Pound sterling | 6.7007 | 6.8088 | 6.59 | 6.90 | 6.7773 |
| French franc | 0.7128 | 0.7243 | 0.71 | 0.73 | 0.7205 |
| Japanese yen (100) | 3.5625 | 3.6200 | 3.51 | 3.67 | 3.5867 |
| Dutch florin | 2.1215 | 2.1558 | 2.09 | 2.18 | 2.1446 |
| Swiss franc | 2.9136 | 2.9606 | 2.87 | 3.00 | 2.9513 |
| Swedish krona | 0.5243 | 0.5328 | 0.52 | 0.54 | 0.5297 |
| Norwegian krone | 0.5437 | 0.5525 | 0.54 | 0.56 | 0.5487 |
| Danish krone | 0.6286 | 0.6388 | 0.62 | 0.64 | 0.6355 |
| Finnish mark | 0.7863 | 0.7990 | 0.78 | 0.81 | 0.7949 |
| Canadian dollar | 2.6659 | 2.7089 | 2.63 | 2.74 | 2.6802 |
| Australian dollar | 2.5544 | 2.5957 | 2.52 | 2.63 | 2.5671 |
| S. African rand | 0.6711 | 0.6820 | 0.61 | 0.68 | 0.6720 |
| Belgian franc (10) | 1.1590 | 1.1777 | 1.15 | 1.19 | 1.1716 |
| Austrian schilling (10) | 3.3975 | 3.4523 | 3.35 | 3.50 | 3.4346 |
| Italian lira (1000) | 2.4145 | 2.4535 | 2.38 | 2.48 | 2.4408 |
| Jordanian dinar | 5.6801 | 5.7718 | 5.59 | 5.98 | 5.7330 |
| Egyptian pound | — | — | 1.16 | 1.24 | 1.1969 |
| Irish punt | 5.9361 | 6.0319 | 5.85 | 6.12 | 6.0007 |
| Spanish peseta (100) | 2.8098 | 2.8552 | 2.77 | 2.89 | 2.8405 |

*These rates vary according to bank. **Bank of Israel.

SOURCE: BANK LEUMI

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## NEW YORK MARKET INDEXES

| | Last | Change |
|---|---|---|
| DJ Industrials | 9324.58 | +121.26 |
| DJ Transport | 3139.44 | +26.47 |
| DJ Utils | 308.01 | -0.6 |
| DJ Comp | 2889.32 | +27.27 |
| NYSE Industr | 737 | +7.64 |
| NYSE Transport | 471.09 | +5.55 |
| NYSE Comp | 591.45 | +5.39 |
| S&P 100 | 627.17 | +11.11 |
| S&P Spot Index | 1252.31 | +18.33 |
| Israel Index | 301.62 | +6.03 |

## OTHER MARKET INDEXES

| | Last | Change |
|---|---|---|
| FTSE 100 | 5885.7 | +4.6 |
| Tokyo Nikkei | 14362 | +173.2 |
| Singapore all-share index | 383.15 | +3.7 |
| Hong Kong Hang Seng Index | 9809.8 | +10.3 |
| Israel Index | 301.62 | +6.03 |
| Paris CAC 40 | 4071.28 | +20.48 |
| DAX | 4982.5 | -38.78 |
| Madrid | 856.75 | +4.19 |
| Swiss Market Index | 7074.6 | -1.6 |
| Sydney | 2827.9 | 0 |
| Milan | 1433.7 | +2.09 |

## DOLLAR CROSSRATES (US)

| | Last | Change |
|---|---|---|
| Pound: spot | 1.6596 | +0.0009 |
| Mar.future (CME) | 1.6572 | +0.0024 |
| D-mark: spot | 1.6912 | -0.002 |
| Mar.future (CME) | 0.5926 | +0.0003 |
| S-franc: spot | 1.3895 | +0.0026 |
| Mar.future (CME) | 0.7234 | -0.0015 |
| Yen: spot | 113.77 | +0 |
| Mar.future (CME) | 0.008829 | -2e-006 |
| CanDlr: spot | 1.5203 | -0.0002 |
| Mar.future (CME) | 0.6579 | -0.001 |
| AusDlr: spot | 0.6287 | -0.0007 |
| Mar.future (CME) | 0.6287 | -0.0019 |
| F-franc: spot | 5.6722 | -0.0066 |
| It Lira: spot | 1674.5 | -2 |
| Nlg: spot | 1.9056 | -0.0022 |
| AutShlg: spot | 11.891 | -0.002 |
| Rand: spot | 6.025 | -.009 |
| EURO: spot | 1.1563 | +0.0012 |

## US COMMODITIES

| | Last | Change |
|---|---|---|
| Cocoa (Mar) (CEC) | 1308 | -2 |
| Coffee (Mar) (CEC) | 106.85 | +1.05 |
| Wheat (Mar) (CBOT) | 271 | +1.5 |
| Soybean (Mar) (CBOT) | 514 | -3.5 |
| Orange juice (Mar)(CEC) | 97.95 | 0 |
| Crude Oil (Mar)(NYMEX) | 12.06 | -0.38 |
| Bonds Mar.future | 12711 | -1 |
| S and P Mar.future | 1265 | +21.5 |

## LONDON COMMODITIES

| | Last | Change |
|---|---|---|
| Cocoa (Mar) (LCE) | 806 | +4 |
| Coffee (Mar) (LCE) | 1765 | +33 |
| Sugar (Mar) (LCE) | 219 | -3 |
| Brent crude oil (Mar)(IPE) | 1064 | -23 |

## SPOT MARKET METALS (US)

| | Last | Change |
|---|---|---|
| Silver: spot | 5.13 | -0.05 |

## NEW YORK METAL FUTURES

| | Last | Change |
|---|---|---|
| Gold (Feb) | 285.3 | -1.7 |
| Silver (Mar) | 5.115 | -0.087 |
| Platinum (Apr) | 362.7 | -0.8 |
| Palladium (Mar) | 326.15 | +1.3 |
| High-grade copper (Mar) | 0.6495 | -0.004 |

## LONDON METAL FIXES

| | Last | Change |
|---|---|---|
| Gold AM fix | 287.3 | +1 |
| Gold PM fix | 287.1 | -0.6 |
| Silver fix | 515 | +5.5 |

Month in parentheses signals contract exp. date
(Spot market listings are from approximately 23:30 Israel time. All others are closing quotes.)

SOURCE: S&P COMSTOCK (DATE 26-JAN-99)

# GENERAL ASSISTANCE

**EMERGENCY PHARMACIES**
**Jerusalem:** Kupat Holim Maccabi, 15 Agrippas, 624-3469; Balsam, Salah e-Din, 627-2315; Shuafat, Shuafat Road, 581-0108; Dar Aldawa, Herod's Gate, 628-2058.
**Tel Aviv:** Superpharm Dizengoff Center, 50 Dizengoff, 620-0975; Jabotinsky, 125 Ibn Gvirol, 546-2040.
**Ra'anana-Kfar Sava:** Medicstore, 24 Tchernichowsky, Kfar Sava, 745-7034.
**Netanya:** Kupat Holim Maccabi, 15 Smilansky, 860-5204.
**Haifa:** Superpharm, 2 Khoury, 051-582021.
**Krayot area:** Niv Ata, 18 Hankin, Kiryat Ata, 844-1626.**Herzliya:** New Pharm, Beit Merkazim, 6 Maskit (cnr. Sderot Hagalim), Herzliya Pituah, 954-9903. Open 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.
**Upper Nazareth:** New Pharm, Lev Ha'ir Mall, 657-0468. Open 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.

**DUTY HOSPITALS**
**Jerusalem:** Hadassah Ein Kerem (internal, obstetrics, ENT); Hadassah Mt. Scopus (surgery, orthopedics); Bikur Holim (pediatrics); Shaare Zedek (ophthalmology).
**Tel Aviv:** Tel Aviv Medical Center Dana Pediatric Hospital (pediatrics); Tel Aviv Medical Center (surgery).
**Netanya:** Laniado.

**POLICE** 100
**FIRE** 102
**FIRST AID** 101
**Magen David Adom**
In emergencies dial 101 (Hebrew) or 911 (English) in most parts of the country. In addition:

| | |
|---|---|
| Ashdod* 8551333 | Kfar Sava* 9902222 |
| Ashkelon 6551332 | Nahariya* 9912333 |
| Beersheba* 6274767 | Netanya* 8604444 |
| Beit Shemesh 6523133 | Petah Tikva* 9311111 |
| Dan Region* 5793333 | Rehovot* 9451333 |
| Eilat* 6332444 | Rishon* 9642333 |
| Haifa* 8512233 | Safed 6920333 |
| Jerusalem* 6523133 | Tel Aviv* 5460111 |
| Karmiel* 9985444 | Tiberias* 6792444 |

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**Help line for English-speakers** – Confidential hot-line counseling and referrals for all ages, all problems. *MILev Center for Crisis Counseling.* (02) 654-1111, 1-800-654-111.
**Medical help for tourists** (in English) 177-022-9110.
**The National Poison Control Center** at Rambam Hospital 04-852-9205, 24 hours a day, for information in case of poisoning.
**Eran – Emotional First Aid** – 1201, also Jerusalem 02-561-0303 (Arabic: 563-0301); Tel Aviv 03-546-1111 (children/youth 548-0739); Rishon Lezion 03-956-6661/2; Haifa 04-867-2222 (Arabic: 867-2226); Beersheba 07-649-4333; Netanya 09-862-5110; Karmiel 04-988-8770 (Arabic: 958-3444); Kfar Sava 09-767-4555; Hadera 06-634-6789; Nazareth (Arabic: 06-645-4222).
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# Sticking with the Ofers

## The diverse holdings that currently comprise the brothers' recently acquired Israel Corp. will be rationalized into a set of core holdings and will systematically improve

**By NEIL COHEN**

The Eisenberg family's sale of its controlling stake in the Israel Corporation two weeks ago brings to a close one of the most fascinating stories in Israeli business history.

The company was originally set up to move previously state-owned assets (Zim and Oil Refineries) into private hands; it was originally owned by three shareholders, with Shoul Eisenberg subsequently taking control; the company had a law enacted specially to give it and its shareholders special tax status.

Eisenberg developed connections in parts of the world where few international businessmen, let alone Israelis, dreamed of treading. He put together sizeable, complex deals.

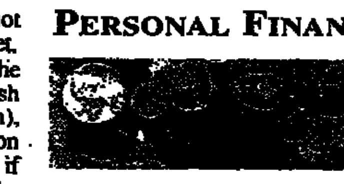
In the later years of his life, after devoting much of his activity to other interests, Eisenberg became reinvolved in the Israel Corporation. In one of his more public and dramatic moves, he bought from the state a controlling interest in Israel Chemicals, a prize, though not entirely untroubled, industrial asset.

After rising sharply during the negotiations with PCS (Potash Corporation of Saskatchewan), shares in the Israel Corporation have fallen back. I don't know if this is a function of "buy on the rumor, sell on the confirmation" or an expectation that somehow Israel Corp. shares will be worth less in the hands of the Ofer Brothers than in those of PCS.

PCS might have been willing to pay a higher price since its bid was driven by the strategic interest in gaining control of Israel Chemicals. A deal with the Canadian company would probably have resulted in an offer for all the Israel Corporation's shares so that Potash could transfer to its ownership the holding in Israel Chemicals and then dispose of the other holdings to recoup some of the acquisition cost.

In any event, it was reasonable to expect a fairly aggressive attitude toward the portfolio since much of it was of no interest at all to Potash.

### PERSONAL FINANCE



The Ofers' intentions are unknown and less easy to surmise.

As this newspaper's business editor, I was summoned to the office of the late Shoul Eisenberg, after one of my junior reporters made a grievous error in judgment. Until then, I was not the closest of Israel Corporation watchers – *it did not lend itself* to ready scrutiny and shied away from the press. The company seemed to me to be opportunistic rather than strategic in its approach, and aside from the Eisenberg family, there was a coterie of managers like Amos Mar-Haim, Moshe Arens and others whose single-minded drives to build value were not always readily apparent.

Erwin Eisenberg's motives for selling to the Ofers eventually became clear. The internecine strife that befell the Eisenberg family after Shoul's passing led Erwin to the decision to sell the company, and share the proceeds with his mother and sisters, thus putting the disputes behind them. The deal with PCS threatened to become complicated by regulatory scrutiny, while the deal with the Ofers was quick and clean.

THE Ofers have become aggressively acquisitive in the last few years.

Aside from the shipping and real-estate empire on which their fortune is built, they bought, together with some longtime partners, a controlling interest in United Mizrahi Bank. They also bought controlling stakes in a number of technology incubators followed by the more aggressive and seemingly savvy purchase of the government's Yozma portfolio of venture-capital holdings.

So the Ofers are now strategically committed to all their real-estate, banking, shipping and technology holdings, and to each they are building critical mass.

At Mizrahi they have adopted a systematic approach, which included installing new management; reviewing the bank's expense and staffing structure; and cutting staff, which led to a dispute with the workforce, but ultimately resulted in a leaner cost structure.

More recently, mortgage-banking subsidiary Tefahot has undergone a similar thorough review.

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Based on this very basic review of the Ofers' record, my inclination is that the diverse holdings that currently comprise the Israel Corporation will be rationalized into a set of core holdings which will then systematically improve.

The Ofers are in the long-term wealth creation business, and the process will take time, so the share price will not necessarily sparkle overnight. If anything, it may continue to slip back in the short-term as more of the speculative froth that had built up comes out of the stock. For the long-term, though, this is a stock I want to hold on to.

SINCE we have been through so many bumps and jumps over the last six months, I am trying to take the recent turbulence in stride. Today the Internet stocks are driving the market up, tomorrow they could drag it down.

Today Microsoft reports great numbers. Tomorrow IBM reports good numbers that beat analysts estimates but are below the rumored number, so the stock takes a beating and takes the market with it. Today it's Brazil, tomorrow it's China.

Unfortunately, the main casualty we have suffered here has been in our aggressive portfolio where all three NASDAQ traded technology stocks – Tower Semi, Biotechnology General and ESC Medical – have all dropped quite sharply. ESC recovered a bit from its precipitous fall after last quarter's shock, but then fell sharply back again after it said it would take a sizeable charge in the first quarter.

Those, like me, that were betting on a recovery, ran into the company two punch: after it's disappointed once, there's a good chance it will disappoint again. Tower has slid on no news and little volume, and here I have more confidence in a recovery as considerable strength in the semiconductor sector has had little cheering effect on Tower. BTG has languished under similar circumstances and patience should yield rewards.

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### NEIL'S PORTFOLIO

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| | | No. of shares | Cost/share | Total cost | Current price | Current value |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Conservative | Citrus Properties convertible | 10,416.60 | 0.96 | 10,025 | 1.22 | 12,739.50 |
| | Teva | 8.51 | 1,035.60 | 8,810 | 1,835.00 | 15,610.35 |
| | Bank Tefahot | 4.97 | 1,303.34 | 6,481 | 1,858.00 | 9,238.53 |
| | Clal Israel | 143.68 | 69.60 | 10,025 | 88.00 | 12,643.75 |
| | Dan Hotels | 425.65 | 8.81 | 3,769 | 9.40 | 4,001.09 |
| | Jafora Tabori | 556.80 | 8.98 | 5,025 | 8.60 | 4,788.48 |
| | Ytong | 640.00 | 7.79 | 5,010 | 9.17 | 5,868.80 |
| | IDB | 1,432.66 | 3.49 | 5,025 | 3.51 | 5,028.64 |
| | Koor | 28.00 | 357.05 | 10,017 | 380.00 | 10,640.00 |
| | Bezeq | 625.00 | 12.00 | 7,520 | 13.68 | 8,550.00 |
| | Elbit Imaging | 125.31 | 39.90 | 5,020 | 43.60 | 5,463.52 |
| | 1 month cash deposit at 12% | | | | | 64,815.73 |
| | Total portfolio value | | | 100,000 | | 159,388.40 |
| Aggressive | Laznik Commercial ordinary | 4,314.51 | 1.24 | 5,775 | 1.38 | 5,954.02 |
| | Clal Electronics | 16.31 | 283.28 | 4,641 | 639.00 | 10,424.01 |
| | Tower Semiconductor | 146.00 | $5.75 | 3,292 | $7.69 | 4,573.68 |
| | Israel Chemicals | 3,488.37 | 2.58 | 9,023 | 3.87 | 13,499.99 |
| | Delek Motors | 1,219.88 | 3.32 | 4,075 | 7.00 | 8,539.16 |
| | Biotech General | 224.00 | $11.00 | 8,482 | $6.85 | 6,246.97 |
| | Discount Investments | 120.00 | 81.62 | 9,819 | 116.40 | 13,968.00 |
| | Israel Corporation | 47.33 | 211.30 | 10,025 | 338.00 | 15,996.19 |
| | A. Levy warrant | 4,854.37 | 1.03 | 5,020 | 0.37 | 1,791.26 |
| | MZPK | 1,002.00 | 7.47 | 7,505 | 6.48 | 6,492.96 |
| | ESC Medical | 120.00 | $21.44 | 9,950 | $7.00 | 3,423.00 |
| | Bank of Jerusalem | 2,500.00 | 2.00 | 5,020 | 2.00 | 5,000.00 |
| | United Mizrahi Bank | 1,017.64 | 7.37 | 7,520 | 6.99 | 7,113.30 |
| | 1 month cash deposit at 12% | | | | | 58,415.54 |
| | Total portfolio value | | | 100,000 | | 161,438.10 |
| Defensive | AIRov4 convertible | 5,847.95 | .86 | 5,020 | .84 | 4,888.89 |
| | ZurShamir3 convertible | 5,208.33 | .96 | 5,020 | 1.01 | 5,260.41 |
| | Granit 1 convertible | 3,501.40 | 1.43 | 5,020 | 1.56 | 5,462.18 |
| | Poalim Inv. Conv. 1 | 3,584.23 | 1.40 | 5,020 | 1.41 | 5,060.93 |
| | 1 Month deposit | | | | | 95,756.92 |
| | Total portfolio value | | | 100,000 | | 116,429.30 |

### THE BUSINESS SCENE

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

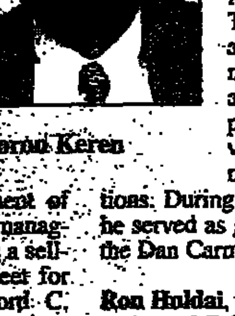


Tzvika Cohen

**Pinchas Cohen**, the recently appointed general manager of the Africa Israel group, has received another feather in his cap. In tandem with his new post, he will also serve as chairman of the board of Gottex, which was acquired by Africa Israel after the swimwear manufacturer ran into severe financial difficulties. Cohen is confident that he can turn around Gottex, and says that under its new management, the company is already showing signs of profitability.

**Boaz Silvera**, 33, has been appointed deputy general manager of the Sheraton Plaza, Tel Aviv. Silvera comes to the Sheraton from the Hilton Hotel, Beersheba, where he also held the post of deputy general manager. Prior to that, he was food and beverage manager at the Sheraton Four Points, Eilat. South African-born Silvera started his hotel career at the Hilton Tel Aviv. From there, he transferred to the Royal Beach Hotel, Eilat. He studied hotel management at Haifa University and the University of London.

Notwithstanding the downturn in tourism to Israel this year, the Jerusalem International Convention Center continues to operate profitably, according to its director-general, **Edna Ramot**. In 1997, the ICC Jerusalem had gross revenues of $3.6 million and an operating profit of $200,000. Gross revenues for 1998 were in the range of $4m. and operating profits $300,000.



Doron Keren

Hi-tech investment bank Jerusalem Global Ltd., has announced the appointment of **Daniel Chertoff** as its managing director. Chertoff was a sell-side analyst on Wall Street for 10 years, first at Sanford C. Bernstein & Co. Inc. and later at Furman Selz. He has in recent years been advising top Israeli companies on investor-relations issues, primarily through his own firm Chertoff & Company Ltd., which he will continue to manage. In his new position, Chertoff will be responsible for Jerusalem Global's day-to-day operations and all areas of activity, with the exception of private placements, which will continue to be managed by **Marc Lesnick**. The bank's founder and chairman Dr. **Shlomo Kalish** will continue in his present role.

Defense Ministry Director-General **Ilan Biran** has appointed **Tzvika Cohen** as deputy director-general responsible for human resources. Cohen, 56, last returned from a four-year stint in France, where he served as head of the Defense Ministry delegation.

After 14 years as general manager of Tambour, **Reuven Shulshtein** thinks that it's time to quit. At the request of **Yoram Turbovitch**, chairman of Tambour's board of directors, Shulshtein has agreed to stay until a suitable replacement can be found.

**Doron Keren** has been appointed general manager of the Carmel Jordan River Hotel in Tiberias. Keren, 40, a Technion hotel management graduate, has over the past 10 years filled a variety of hotel management positions. During the last two years, he served as general manager of the Dan Carmel.

**Ron Huldai**, the recently elected mayor of Tel Aviv, has discovered that his job involves wearing many hats. Tel Aviv's mayor is traditionally chairman of many of the city's major institutions. Huldai has gradually been installed into a series of chairmanships, the most recent being chairman of Beth Hatefutsoth, the Museum of the Jewish Diaspora – yet another position his predecessor, **Ronni Milo**, was forced to relinquish.

# MUTUAL FUNDS

| Fund's name | unit cost | redemption price | monthly yield (%) | yield 1998 (%) | NIS assets (millions) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **FLEXIBLE** | | | | | |
| Abir | 242.33 | 241.65 | - 0.91 | -0.91 | 12.3 |
| Adar Flexible | 107.85 | 106.57 | - 1.88 | -1.88 | 26.3 |
| Afikim Flexible | 218.02 | 215.35 | + 2.02 | +2.02 | 13.3 |
| Ahrayut Flexible | 467.63 | 459.48 | - 1.34 | -1.34 | 2.1 |
| Alomot Flexible | 108.06 | 106.28 | - 1.11 | -1.11 | 12.8 |
| Analyst Deversified | 827.00 | 807.95 | - 0.67 | -0.67 | 66.2 |
| Apex Flexible | 191.45 | 191.10 | - 0.07 | -0.07 | 50.3 |
| Artemedas | 99.94 | 98.22 | - 0.71 | -0.71 | 1.2 |
| Avuka | 1924.12 | 1918.55 | - 2.52 | -2.52 | 5.3 |
| Bloch Rotstein Flexible | 221.16 | 216.73 | - 3.59 | -3.59 | 30.2 |
| Clali Flexible | 1148.27 | 1135.73 | - 0.97 | -0.97 | 4.5 |
| Dikla Mamon | 261.98 | 250.25 | + 1.10 | +1.10 | 20.8 |
| Dikla Meirav | 183.89 | 183.35 | + 0.17 | +0.17 | 9.4 |
| Dikla Moked | 3383.74 | 3361.10 | - 0.39 | -0.39 | 65.9 |
| Dovrat Shrem Flexible | 163.30 | 160.02 | - 2.18 | -2.18 | 23.6 |
| Emda Flexible Fund | 3698.60 | 3661.65 | + 1.09 | +1.09 | 26.4 |
| Epsilon Flexible | 158.57 | 158.14 | - 1.41 | -1.41 | 9.1 |
| Evergreen Flexible | 119.66 | 118.70 | - 1.33 | -1.33 | 8.0 |
| Excellence Flexible | 3268.10 | 3228.92 | - 1.20 | -1.20 | 9.6 |
| Gal'or Flexible | 104.82 | 104.51 | + 3.16 | +3.16 | 1.8 |
| Igud Bonds | 109.41 | 108.90 | - 1.32 | -1.32 | 3.5 |
| Igud Flexible | 183.96 | 182.88 | + 0.59 | +0.59 | 15.9 |
| Igud Shikit | 148.32 | 148.17 | + 0.35 | +0.35 | 238.8 |
| Ilanot 30 Plus | 157.79 | 155.04 | + 1.21 | +1.21 | 2.6 |
| Ilanot 90 | 251.57 | 247.08 | - 1.38 | -1.38 | 20.4 |
| Ilanot Shikim Adif | 2570.75 | 2570.75 | + 0.61 | +0.61 | 7.9 |
| Ilanot Tidhar | 3307.32 | 3290.87 | - 1.25 | -1.25 | 66.6 |
| Koun Flexible | 713.25 | 712.27 | - 5.17 | -5.17 | 5.9 |
| Lahak Flexible | 748.06 | 734.80 | - 1.94 | -1.94 | 63.1 |
| Lamashlos | — | — | — | — | 5.4 |
| Maofim Bonds | 108.34 | 107.27 | - 0.29 | -0.29 | 7.4 |
| Maofim Flexible | 126.90 | 124.77 | - 0.30 | -0.30 | 6.8 |
| Maritime Flexible Fund | 101.44 | 99.57 | - 0.65 | -0.65 | 10.3 |
| Meitav Flexible | 177.36 | 175.93 | - 1.64 | -1.64 | 3.4 |
| Models Flexible | 110.26 | 108.14 | - 1.89 | -1.89 | 23.0 |
| Models Tauza | 99.83 | 98.59 | - 2.25 | -2.25 | 4.9 |
| Moritz Money Market | 148.73 | 148.72 | + 0.93 | +0.93 | 11.8 |
| Nesua Zanex Flexible | 2509.32 | 2498.10 | - 0.69 | -0.69 | 9.2 |
| Netz | 89.22 | 88.90 | -15.18 | -15.18 | 0.2 |
| Noga | 946.57 | 934.72 | - 0.89 | -0.89 | 46.6 |
| Omer Pekan | 189.46 | 186.09 | - 1.62 | -1.62 | 16.9 |
| Otzar Flexible | 105.70 | 103.89 | - 2.75 | -2.75 | 3.9 |
| Pekan Saar Flexible Fund | 216.85 | 216.21 | + 0.11 | +0.11 | 193.5 |
| Pia Hayovel | 237.40 | 238.10 | + 0.21 | +0.21 | 50.4 |
| Pia Kela | 962.13 | 957.35 | - 0.97 | -0.97 | 288.3 |
| Psagot Gamish | 571.33 | 581.19 | - 1.70 | -1.70 | 125.3 |
| Psagot Megama | 332.66 | 330.82 | - 1.51 | -1.51 | 66.3 |
| Ramco Flexible | 188.04 | 185.77 | - 2.00 | -2.00 | 9.6 |
| Sigma Flexible | 96.62 | 95.62 | - 2.94 | -2.94 | 7.0 |
| [illegible]an | 262.17 | 259.31 | - 1.54 | -1.54 | 49.8 |
| Telescope | 104.68 | 104.43 | - 3.67 | -3.67 | 0.9 |
| Yaad Flexible | 130.52 | 99.79 | - 1.15 | -1.15 | 0.5 |
| Yassodot | 3254.46 | 3197.11 | + 1.87 | +1.87 | 30.3 |
| Zeller Flexible | 80.13 | 79.31 | + 0.10 | +0.10 | 3.1 |
| Zion Flexible | 12668.14 | 12623.90 | - 1.53 | -1.53 | 8.0 |
| **SHARES** | | | | | |
| Adif Pekan | 120.35 | 118.22 | + 1.51 | +1.51 | 28.0 |
| Afikim Shares | 289.[illegible] | 285.53 | - 0.88 | -0.88 | 11.8 |
| Ahrayut Oil & Shares | 131.77 | 129.14 | - 9.64 | -8.84 | 1.5 |
| Ahrayut Real Estate | 214.41 | 210.13 | - 1.15 | -1.15 | 6.5 |
| Ahrayut Shares | 305.14 | 299.72 | - 1.49 | -1.49 | 2.3 |
| Alomot Growth | 93.58 | 91.94 | - 2.07 | -2.07 | 1.1 |
| Analyst Aggressive | 155.29 | 152.43 | - 0.28 | -0.28 | 44.4 |
| Analyst Equity | 1325.68 | 1295.37 | - 1.23 | -1.23 | 145.1 |
| Analyst Industries | 406.13 | 398.83 | - 1.56 | -1.56 | 60.7 |
| Apex Shares | 124.68 | 124.37 | + 0.14 | +0.14 | 13.9 |
| Atlas Pekan | — | — | — | — | 27.5 |
| Baron | 225.26 | 221.21 | - 1.08 | -1.08 | 10.6 |
| Bloch Rotstein Shares | 116.19 | 113.93 | - 3.59 | -3.58 | 15.0 |
| Capital Shares | 106.20 | 104.84 | - 0.17 | -0.17 | 4.8 |
| Chemical Pekan | 122.16 | 126.97 | - 2.00 | -2.00 | 6.5 |
| Clali Maof | 233.97 | 229.28 | - 1.77 | -1.77 | 13.4 |
| Clali Shares & Conv. | 157.12 | 155.40 | - 0.54 | -0.54 | 2.1 |
| Dikla [illegible] | 97.10 | 96.33 | + 0.47 | +0.47 | 10.1 |
| Dikla Madad Maof | 206.35 | 204.95 | - 1.83 | -1.83 | 68.3 |
| Dikla Meretz | 525.3[illegible] | 525.11 | - 0.67 | -0.67 | 60.0 |
| Dikla Mifkan | 94.76 | 94.08 | - 0.79 | -0.79 | 13.1 |
| Dikla Mivtar Finance | 115.70 | 114.90 | - 4.05 | -4.05 | 24.0 |
| Dikla Maof 30 | 71.24 | 70.69 | - 1.65 | +1.65 | 27.5 |
| Dikla [illegible] | 351.66 | 349.13 | - 0.73 | -0.73 | 21.8 |
| Dikla [illegible] | — | — | — | — | 14.2 |
| Dikla Mor | 1582.3[illegible] | 1569.77 | + 0.05 | +0.05 | 79.3 |
| Dovrat Shrem 100 | 102.62 | 100.52 | - 3.18 | -3.19 | 9.6 |
| Dovrat Shrem Yeter | 114.74 | 112.43 | + 0.04 | +0.04 | 7.0 |
| Emda [illegible] | 55.36 | 57.16 | + 1.15 | +1.15 | 9.6 |
| Emda High Tech | — | — | — | — | 8.1 |
| Emda Maof | 214.31 | 213.30 | - 1.70 | -1.70 | 30.3 |
| Emda [illegible] | 180.7[illegible] | 179.95 | - 0.30 | -0.30 | 11.4 |
| Emda Shahar | 154.56 | 153.44 | + 0.42 | -0.42 | 11.9 |
| Emda T-A 100 | 2259.7[illegible] | 2232.50 | - 0.49 | -0.49 | 47.5 |

| Fund's name | unit cost | redemption price | monthly yield (%) | yield 1998 (%) | NIS assets (millions) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Emda Yeter | 1524.02 | 1508.15 | - 0.11 | -0.11 | 19.6 |
| Epsilon 36 | 103.21 | 102.84 | - 1.64 | -1.64 | 23.3 |
| Epsilon Shares | 180.10 | 179.56 | - 2.29 | -2.29 | 12.3 |
| Epsilon Technologies | — | — | — | — | 11.4 |
| Eraz Pekan | 368.42 | 367.24 | - 1.15 | -1.15 | 159.5 |
| Esh | 588.81 | 577.78 | - 1.16 | -1.16 | 2.0 |
| Evergreen High Tech | — | — | — | — | 12.4 |
| Evergreen Shares | 160.14 | 158.84 | - 1.88 | -1.88 | 14.2 |
| Excellence Agresive | 277.75 | 274.77 | - 1.19 | -1.19 | 9.3 |
| Excellence Shares | 641.50 | 638.68 | - 2.50 | -2.50 | 8.8 |
| Eyal Shares | 128.13 | 128.13 | - 1.71 | -1.71 | 5.8 |
| Gal | 117.16 | 115.66 | - 2.58 | -2.58 | 13.9 |
| Hon Pekan | 100.60 | 98.82 | - 2.95 | -2.95 | 45.2 |
| Igud Maof | 93.59 | 93.22 | - 1.87 | -1.87 | 6.6 |
| Igud Shares | 152.62 | 151.82 | - 1.56 | -1.56 | 8.3 |
| Igud Yeter | 101.49 | 100.98 | - 0.74 | -0.74 | 4.4 |
| Ilanot Caramim | 150.78 | 150.00 | - 1.16 | -1.18 | 43.9 |
| Ilanot Communication | 110.07 | 109.50 | - 0.55 | -0.55 | 49.9 |
| Ilanot Dekel | 3118.84 | 3102.83 | - 1.18 | -1.18 | 82.3 |
| Ilanot Finance | 85.92 | 65.47 | - 4.57 | -4.57 | 10.0 |
| Ilanot Globe | — | — | — | — | 11.3 |
| Ilanot Maof | 203.17 | 202.18 | - 2.00 | -2.00 | 62.3 |
| Ilanot Nadlan | 1438.91 | 1431.49 | - 1.14 | -1.14 | 26.4 |
| Ilanot Nimrezet | 78.37 | 77.83 | - 1.00 | -1.00 | 4.6 |
| Ilanot Shares | 4887.35 | 4841.47 | + 0.14 | +0.14 | 8.0 |
| Ilanot Shchakim | 50.94 | 50.68 | - 1.00 | -1.00 | 12.0 |
| Ilanot Shesek | 904.54 | 899.51 | - 2.30 | -2.30 | 66.1 |
| Ilanot T-A 100 | 2787.77 | 2772.21 | - 1.71 | -1.71 | 74.6 |
| Israel America | — | — | — | — | 0.9 |
| Jerusalem Maof | 1512.57 | 1512.57 | - 2.28 | -2.28 | 4.5 |
| Kohav Pekan | 177.18 | 174.00 | - 0.97 | -0.97 | 90.6 |
| Koor Money Market | 138.38 | 138.38 | + 0.67 | +0.67 | 125.4 |
| Koor Shares | 94.51 | 93.97 | - 1.54 | -1.64 | 7.1 |
| Lahak Agresivit Plus | 76.62 | 75.33 | - 2.13 | -2.13 | 15.6 |
| Lahak Ankor | 830.41 | 811.64 | - 1.47 | -1.47 | 31.8 |
| Lahak Dividends | 335.31 | 334.42 | - 1.41 | -1.41 | 57.0 |
| Lahak Menayot 30 | 96.99 | 96.70 | - 1.14 | -1.14 | 33.0 |
| Lahak Menayot Yeter | 97.27 | 96.52 | + 0.50 | +0.50 | 15.2 |
| Lahak Nadlan | 129.73 | 127.45 | - 1.68 | -1.68 | 27.4 |
| Lahak TA-Wall Street | — | — | — | — | 17.1 |
| Lahak Tor 100 | 432.41 | 424.82 | - 1.48 | -1.48 | 67.4 |
| Lahak Yetsu | 78.45 | 78.20 | - 0.05 | -0.05 | 36.3 |
| Lahak Zamir | 808.50 | 794.06 | - 1.84 | -1.84 | 45.6 |
| Masla Maof Pekan | 186.60 | 183.32 | - 1.84 | -1.84 | 59.1 |
| Magic | 279.99 | 275.04 | + 1.01 | +1.01 | 7.8 |
| Martingale Dynamit | — | — | — | — | 14.7 |
| Meitav High Tech | — | — | — | — | 2.2 |
| Meitav Options | 45.99 | 45.27 | - 4.43 | -4.43 | 9.8 |
| Meitav Shares | 228.39 | 224.54 | - 0.65 | -0.65 | 5.4 |
| Meitav Tauza | 118.77 | 117.79 | + 0.23 | +0.23 | 4.9 |
| Mercazit Caesm Maniv | 53.32 | 53.16 | - 0.23 | -0.23 | 0.6 |
| Mercazit Maof | 188.69 | 188.42 | - 2.16 | -2.16 | 1.8 |
| Mercazit TA 100 | 243.73 | 243.02 | - 2.16 | -2.16 | 2.5 |
| Neciha Continental | 60.42 | 59.34 | - 0.03 | -0.03 | 10.8 |
| Nesua Zanex Shares | 452.40 | 450.26 | - 0.71 | -0.71 | 5.2 |
| Nili T-A 100 | 1048.70 | 1035.16 | - 1.12 | -1.12 | 15.9 |
| Omega | 128.31 | 128.06 | + 2.87 | +2.87 | 1.7 |
| Otzar Foreign Int. Par. | 152.10 | 149.47 | - 1.77 | -1.77 | 2.1 |
| Otzar Shares | 117.71 | 115.68 | - 2.48 | -2.48 | 6.0 |
| Otzar Yeter | 87.88 | 86.36 | - 1.34 | -1.34 | 3.6 |
| Pekan T-A 100 | 185.23 | 182.33 | - 1.41 | -1.41 | 60.4 |
| Pia 2000 | 96.82 | 95.09 | - 0.50 | -0.50 | 19.8 |
| Pia Bdolach T-A 100 | 1030.57 | 1012.45 | - 0.94 | -0.94 | 75.4 |
| Pia Menof | 137.71 | 135.28 | + 3.02 | +3.02 | 28.6 |
| Pia Maof | 196.18 | 194.68 | - 1.41 | -1.41 | 83.2 |
| Pia Michlol | 841.54 | 826.81 | - 1.31 | -1.31 | 133.2 |
| Pia Odem | 1312.11 | 1288.94 | - 0.93 | -0.93 | 182.4 |
| Pia Olamit | — | — | — | — | 38.1 |
| Pia Yahalom | 1131.40 | 1125.28 | - 3.31 | -3.31 | 64.7 |
| Pia Zinuk | 67.50 | 68.31 | + 2.63 | +2.63 | 26.4 |
| Pritza | — | — | — | — | 0.7 |
| Psagot 20 | 83.58 | 82.10 | - 3.04 | -3.04 | 109.3 |
| Psagot Al | 72.53 | 71.24 | - 3.86 | -3.86 | 19.8 |
| Psagot Focus | 107.88 | 107.29 | - 2.85 | -2.85 | 79.7 |
| Psagot High Tech | — | — | — | — | 40.1 |
| Psagot Mabat Lashalom | 134.89 | 132.50 | - 1.39 | -1.39 | 38.8 |
| Psagot Menayot | 830.42 | 815.65 | - 3.40 | -3.40 | 195.9 |
| Psagot T-A 100 | 370.85 | 368.79 | - 2.89 | -2.89 | 219.2 |
| Psagot Yeter | 185.12 | 182.81 | - 0.55 | -0.55 | 99.2 |
| Ratam 90 | 121.96 | 119.81 | - 0.71 | -0.71 | 4.5 |
| Ramco Shares | 124.61 | 123.22 | +16.69 | + 16.69 | 0.0 |
| Sigma Nivheret | 157.54 | 155.44 | - 2.55 | -2.55 | 3.1 |
| Simodan Shares & Conv. | 69.10 | 68.08 | - 2.67 | -2.67 | 0.5 |
| Singer Barnea Financial | 106.79 | 104.90 | - 5.68 | -5.68 | 0.5 |
| Singer Barnea Shmura | 135.00 | 134.63 | - 4.59 | -4.59 | 1.8 |
| Tamir Fishman Tamiha | — | — | — | — | 10.6 |
| Tzvot Sela | 151.56 | 150.31 | - 1.46 | -1.46 | 26.8 |
| Yaar | 25.09 | 24.94 | -17.12 | - 17.12 | 0.2 |
| Zik | 324.56 | 323.84 | - 1.66 | -1.66 | 2.7 |
| Zion Shares | 135.14 | 134.38 | - 0.44 | -0.44 | 2.2 |
| Zion Yeter | 78.00 | 77.79 | + 0.52 | +0.52 | 3.0 |
| **STATE BONDS** | | | | | |
| Ahrayut State Bonds | 475.01 | 469.57 | - 0.52 | -0.52 | 6.5 |
| Almog Pekan | 276.00 | 274.07 | - 0.52 | -0.52 | 100.0 |
| Alomot Bonds | 100.19 | 100.13 | — | — | — |

| Fund's name | unit cost | redemption price | monthly yield (%) | yield 1998 (%) | NIS assets (millions) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Analyst Government Bonds | 433.53 | 427.97 | - 0.81 | -0.81 | 31.6 |
| Clali Dotan | 1316.22 | 1308.56 | - 0.70 | -0.70 | 6.4 |
| Clali State Bonds | 489.19 | 486.28 | - 0.71 | -0.71 | 9.4 |
| Dikla Marom | 6677.88 | 6637.68 | + 0.39 | +0.39 | 31.9 |
| Dikla Mivtah | 1828.46 | 1813.91 | - 0.75 | -0.75 | 48.0 |
| Ducas | 271.82 | 271.09 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 18.7 |
| Emda Goverment Bond | 1160.00 | 1151.22 | - 0.58 | -0.58 | 67.4 |
| Emda Leshem | 1507.12 | 1492.12 | - 0.48 | -0.48 | 28.4 |
| Emda Sella | 1461.06 | 1450.62 | + 0.03 | +0.03 | 47.7 |
| Epsilon Gov't Bonds | 221.18 | 220.77 | - 0.01 | -0.01 | 26.6 |
| Geva | 442.15 | 436.72 | - 0.17 | -0.17 | 89.1 |
| Hilla Pekan | 580.59 | 580.59 | - 0.38 | -0.38 | 346.9 |
| Ilanot Egoz | 1258.85 | 1250.29 | - 0.64 | -0.64 | 94.7 |
| Ilanot Tapuah | 709.44 | 706.50 | - 0.50 | -0.50 | 28.5 |
| Ilanot Tapuz | 1151.45 | 1143.57 | - 0.32 | -0.32 | 93.0 |
| Lahak Gov't Bonds | 756.20 | 756.20 | + 0.45 | +0.45 | 168.9 |
| Lahak Mehalelet | 149.40 | 148.63 | - 0.22 | -0.22 | 54.1 |
| Lahak Zmudim Arukim | 566.50 | 564.65 | - 0.94 | -0.94 | 47.5 |
| Maritime Government Bond | 166.20 | 166.00 | - 0.87 | -0.87 | 14.5 |
| Meitav Gov't Bonds | 132.94 | 132.22 | - 0.56 | -0.56 | 21.3 |
| Makorit Pekan | 121.61 | 121.26 | - 0.39 | -0.39 | 17.7 |
| Mercazit Gov't Bonds | 164.86 | 163.71 | - 0.21 | -0.21 | 4.9 |
| Nesua Zanex Gov't Bonds | 1484.45 | 1482.42 | - 0.17 | -0.17 | 42.7 |
| Otzar Gov't Bonds | 164.10 | 161.20 | - 0.71 | -0.71 | 15.3 |
| Pia Conv' Bonds 50 | 261.87 | 259.80 | - 0.10 | -0.10 | 82.6 |
| Pia Tarshish | 139.18 | 136.75 | - 0.70 | -0.70 | 244.8 |
| Pia Zamid | 5004.66 | 4916.80 | - 1.05 | -1.05 | 154.0 |
| Psagot Agach | 621.26 | 610.63 | - 0.24 | -0.24 | 48.6 |
| Psagot Maala | 465.88 | 463.45 | - 0.47 | -0.47 | 59.8 |
| Psagot Madad | 600.63 | 590.13 | - 0.32 | -0.32 | 110.4 |
| Shavit Pekan | 785.32 | 771.44 | - 0.49 | -0.49 | 184.8 |
| Yaara Pekan | 618.94 | 608.03 | - 0.78 | -0.78 | 106.3 |
| Yevul Pekan | 801.58 | 799.23 | - 0.76 | -0.76 | 171.8 |
| Ziv | 676.95 | 668.35 | - 0.81 | -0.81 | 45.3 |
| Zohar | 548.67 | 541.83 | - 0.82 | -0.82 | 38.6 |
| **COMPANY BONDS** | | | | | |
| Afikim Bonds | 359.08 | 364.73 | + 2.20 | +2.20 | 38.1 |
| Ahrayut Bonds | 208.78 | 205.35 | - 0.09 | -0.09 | 3.9 |
| Amirim | 141.97 | 140.91 | - 0.18 | -0.18 | 24.0 |
| Analyst Corporate Bonds | 309.83 | 304.37 | - 0.70 | -0.70 | 91.1 |
| Analyst Money Market | 168.24 | 167.79 | + 0.39 | +0.39 | 10.1 |
| Apex Tsua | 158.56 | 158.24 | + 0.42 | +0.42 | 105.1 |
| Bloch Rotstein Bonds | 171.75 | 169.36 | - 0.51 | -0.51 | 13.8 |
| Bond | 165.44 | 164.16 | + 0.38 | +0.38 | 7.7 |
| Capital Bonds | 160.50 | 158.31 | - 0.28 | -0.28 | 8.9 |
| Clali Company Debentures | 220.89 | 219.64 | - 0.22 | -0.22 | 2.5 |
| Clali Gen' Bond Rating | 110.09 | 109.45 | - 0.12 | -0.12 | 13.8 |
| Clali Zmura | 187.72 | 187.71 | + 0.57 | +0.57 | 21.3 |
| Dikla Masyan | 972.39 | 965.47 | - 0.10 | -0.10 | 51.5 |
| Dikla Magen Plus | 108.31 | 108.31 | + 0.45 | +0.45 | 142.3 |
| Dikla Maskoret Plus | 155.91 | 155.91 | + 0.53 | +0.53 | 482.0 |
| Dikla Maimad | 519.95 | 510.12 | - 0.80 | -0.80 | 54.0 |
| Dikla Mirvah | 631.63 | 626.71 | - 0.14 | -0.14 | 17.9 |
| Dikla Mivhar | 626.04 | 621.81 | + 0.10 | +0.10 | 44.4 |
| Dikla Nigvan | 2106.31 | 2091.62 | - 0.07 | -0.07 | 83.1 |
| Dovrat Shrem Bonds | 176.26 | 173.61 | - 0.59 | -0.59 | 50.9 |
| Emda Dynamit Magen | 115.03 | 115.03 | + 0.77 | +0.77 | 42.1 |
| Emda Halamish | 152.68 | 151.15 | + 0.08 | +0.08 | 15.2 |
| Emda Hamara | 1156.44 | 1144.88 | + 0.44 | +0.44 | 43.3 |
| Emda Shikit | 107.85 | 107.85 | + 0.56 | +0.56 | 452.3 |
| Epsilon Corp. Bonds | 129.37 | 129.03 | - 0.54 | -0.54 | 23.5 |
| Epsilon Money Market | 158.77 | 158.69 | + 0.66 | +0.66 | 139.0 |
| Evergreen Shkoola | 166.45 | 165.58 | - 0.23 | -0.23 | 30.7 |
| Excellence Bonds | 2316.46 | 2290.17 | - 0.19 | -0.19 | 18.6 |
| Eyal Corporate Bonds | 154.41 | 154.41 | + 0.10 | +0.10 | 5.7 |
| Eyal Shotef | 149.28 | 149.28 | + 0.63 | +0.63 | 14.3 |
| Guy | 752.81 | 743.98 | - 0.73 | -0.73 | 106.2 |
| Hetz Pekan | 643.46 | 643.46 | + 0.43 | +0.43 | 984.5 |
| I.B.I Shikalim | 159.42 | 159.42 | + 0.47 | +0.47 | 146.3 |
| Igud Magen Shikit | 102.35 | 102.24 | - 0.12 | -0.12 | 6.2 |
| Ilanot Agas | 479.51 | 476.25 | - 0.06 | -0.06 | 42.8 |
| Ilanot Alon | 2126.05 | 2113.93 | - 0.40 | -0.40 | 44.3 |
| Ilanot Armon | 141.11 | 140.23 | - 0.06 | -0.06 | 21.8 |
| Ilanot Conv'bonds | 3439.49 | 3416.19 | + 0.38 | +0.38 | 8.4 |
| Ilanot Eshel | 840.47 | 834.75 | - 0.42 | -0.42 | 89.8 |
| Ilanot Etrog | 1157.05 | 1149.31 | - 0.43 | -0.43 | 58.7 |
| Ilanot Muvtahat | 111.57 | 111.57 | + 0.58 | +0.58 | 26.7 |
| Ilanot Oren | 4262.11 | 4252.42 | - 0.54 | -0.54 | 115.6 |
| Ilanot Onon | 189.33 | 188.06 | - 0.60 | -0.60 | 29.1 |
| Ilanot Rimon | 598.34 | 598.34 | + 0.58 | +0.58 | ****** |
| Ilanot Shaker | 255.17 | 253.42 | - 0.40 | -0.40 | 35.7 |
| Ilanot Shaked | 236.60 | 235.04 | - 0.25 | -0.25 | 40.0 |
| Ilanot Shkoola | 178.94 | 177.75 | + 0.27 | +0.27 | 49.3 |
| Jerusalem Shikit | 100.64 | 100.64 | + 0.50 | +0.50 | 41.2 |
| Koor Amnar Bonds | 227.34 | 226.85 | - 0.69 | -0.69 | 28.4 |
| Koor Dilender | 103.13 | 103.13 | + 0.74 | +0.74 | 26.7 |
| Lahak Conv. Bonds | 253.00 | 253.00 | - 0.04 | -0.04 | 77.4 |
| Lahak Magen 95% | 163.46 | 163.48 | + 0.66 | +0.66 | 92.7 |
| Lahak Money Market | 100.15 | 100.15 | — | — | — |
| Lahak Shikalim | 103.26 | 103.26 | + 0.28 | +0.28 | 247.0 |
| Lahak Yasoor | 199.57 | 199.57 | + 0.56 | +0.56 | 1186 |
| Malkarit Pekan | 346.30 | 345.33 | - 0.56 | -0.56 | 28.4 |
| Maritime Conv' Bonds | 107.43 | 106.10 | + 2.27 | +2.27 | 1.5 |
| Meitav Corp. Conv. Bonds | 163.31 | 162.44 | - 1.00 | -1.00 | 15.1 |
| Meitav Money Market | 127.05 | 126.99 | + 0.92 | +0.92 | 10.4 |

| Fund's name | unit cost | redemption price | monthly yield (%) | yield 1998 (%) | NIS assets (millions) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mercazit Conv. Bonds | 502.95 | 501.53 | + 0.25 | +0.25 | 3.2 |
| Mercazit Shikit Gambo | 102.82 | 102.82 | + 0.65 | +0.65 | 27.9 |
| Models Shmura | 116.37 | 115.26 | - 0.60 | -0.60 | 14.3 |
| Nesua Zanex Corp' Bonds | 190.97 | 190.14 | + 0.05 | +0.05 | 10.4 |
| Otzar Shkalim | 141.96 | 141.96 | + 0.51 | +0.51 | 81.2 |
| Pekan Corporate Bonds | 474.34 | 466.06 | + 0.58 | +0.58 | 32.4 |
| Pia Halifin | 569.20 | 569.20 | + 0.44 | +0.44 | 520.7 |
| Pia Mogenet | 109.29 | 109.29 | + 0.61 | +0.61 | 69.3 |
| Pia Money Market | 100.88 | 100.88 | + 0.85 | +0.85 | 109.6 |
| Pia Ophir | 640.22 | 636.81 | - 0.72 | -0.72 | 172.6 |
| Pia Or | 1228.17 | 1206.69 | - 0.62 | -0.62 | 112.6 |
| Pia Segula | 284.11 | 283.44 | - 0.52 | -0.52 | 51.2 |
| Pia Shamir | 1370.36 | 1346.25 | - 1.20 | -1.20 | 119.8 |
| Pia Shikalim Adif | 112.29 | 112.27 | + 0.14 | +0.14 | 936.0 |
| Pia Trula | 405.47 | 396.37 | - 0.37 | -0.37 | 26.5 |
| Pia Yozma | 240.90 | 236.65 | - 1.45 | -1.45 | 27.6 |
| Pil | 308.59 | 305.65 | + 0.65 | +0.65 | 3.6 |
| Psagot Hagana Plus | 112.08 | 112.08 | + 0.66 | +0.66 | 68.7 |
| Psagot Kol Rega | 244.18 | 244.18 | + 0.40 | +0.40 | 113.7 |
| Psagot Tashlumim | 101.00 | 99.22 | - 0.41 | -0.41 | 32.6 |
| Psagot Yetsira | 618.84 | 615.70 | - 0.65 | -0.65 | 165.1 |
| Ramco Bonds | 104.21 | 104.08 | + 0.13 | +0.13 | 11.4 |
| Simodan Bonds | 101.55 | 99.85 | - 1.97 | -1.97 | 1.0 |
| Simodan Interest | 154.66 | 154.66 | + 0.66 | +0.66 | 20.5 |
| Tsuot Hen | 188.64 | 187.74 | + 0.29 | +0.29 | 34.9 |
| Zeller Conv. Bonds | 107.39 | 106.77 | + 2.55 | +2.55 | 0.5 |
| Zion Bonds | 2085.59 | 2073.93 | + 0.26 | +0.26 | 4.4 |
| Zion Gov't Bonds | 114.94 | 114.72 | - 0.03 | -0.03 | 10.0 |
| **FOREIGN CURRENCY** | | | | | |
| Afikim Foreign | — | — | — | — | 29.3 |
| Alomot Foreign Currency | 115.41 | 114.64 | - 0.97 | -0.97 | 12.9 |
| Analyst Europe | — | — | — | — | 24.0 |
| Capital Foreign | — | — | — | — | 1.9 |
| Dikla Meged | 1143.05 | 1134.86 | - 1.35 | -1.35 | 57.2 |
| Dollar | — | — | — | — | 6.9 |
| Emda Matach | 378.96 | 378.96 | - 1.10 | -1.10 | 52.8 |
| Emda Tevel | — | — | — | — | 50.2 |
| Igud Foreign Currency | 112.36 | 112.08 | - 2.14 | -2.14 | 7.9 |
| Ilanot Dolev | 1027.02 | 1020.15 | - 1.43 | -1.43 | 110.7 |
| Ilanot Hul | — | — | — | — | 62.5 |
| Ilanot Ilan $ | — | — | — | — | 45.8 |
| Ilanot Matach | 259.02 | 259.02 | - 1.33 | -1.33 | 81.9 |
| Koor Currency Sal | — | — | — | — | 11.6 |
| Lahak Cosmos $ | — | — | — | — | 10.8 |
| Lahak Kahal | — | — | — | — | 62.8 |
| Lahak Matach | 687.25 | 687.25 | - 1.13 | -1.13 | 389.1 |
| Meitav Foreign Currency | 340.79 | 339.87 | - 1.48 | -1.48 | 18.6 |
| Monah Pekan $ | — | — | — | — | 15.7 |
| Nesua Zanex Foreign Curr | 98.93 | 98.93 | - 1.03 | -1.03 | 5.8 |
| Otzar Foreign Currency | 158.28 | 158.28 | - 1.44 | -1.44 | 20.0 |
| Pekan Inbal Matach | 203.61 | 203.61 | - 1.24 | -1.24 | 471.0 |
| Pia Chul | — | — | — | — | 122.9 |
| Pia Inbar | 129.85 | 127.59 | - 1.54 | -1.54 | 317.4 |
| Pia Prime $ | — | — | — | — | 34.9 |
| Pia Target $ | — | — | — | — | 133.8 |
| Psagot Chul | — | — | — | — | 69.9 |
| Psagot Globe $ | — | — | — | — | 64.5 |
| Psagot Israel Horizon | — | — | — | — | 62.2 |
| Psagot Matah | 619.74 | 608.78 | - 1.36 | -1.36 | 193.7 |
| Reshef Pekan | — | — | — | — | 51.4 |
| Rosen Continental | — | — | — | — | 18.2 |
| Tsabar Pekan | 389.03 | 382.13 | - 1.50 | -1.50 | 31.2 |
| **MIXED** | | | | | |
| Eitan Pekan | 370.35 | 363.80 | - 0.53 | -0.53 | 86.3 |
| Emda Koletet | 236.09 | 235.72 | - 0.15 | -0.15 | 63.8 |
| Goren Pekan | 804.05 | 801.67 | - 0.50 | -0.50 | 173.9 |
| Ilanot Barak | 3005.19 | 2953.88 | - 0.80 | -0.80 | 36.3 |
| Ilanot Brosh | 3497.43 | 3437.52 | - 1.24 | -1.24 | 65.4 |
| Ilanot Meed | 3002.87 | 2948.94 | - 0.83 | -0.83 | 5.5 |
| Lahak Tzofit | 811.30 | 797.24 | - 0.44 | -0.44 | 145.0 |
| Mad Dikla | 147.22 | 146.23 | - 0.23 | -0.23 | 17.0 |
| Pekan Shikit Meshulevet | 90.79 | 90.79 | - 0.30 | -0.30 | 145.0 |
| Pia | 8743.53 | 8592.10 | - 1.08 | -1.08 | 162.2 |
| Pia Gavish | 7380.50 | 7253.45 | - 1.79 | -1.79 | 225.8 |
| Psagot Meshulevet | 740.42 | 736.56 | - 0.50 | -0.50 | 69.5 |

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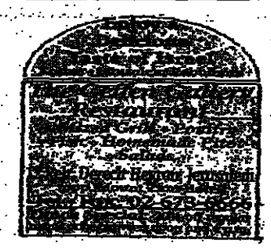
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# No. 1 UConn halts Hoyas

WASHINGTON (AP) – Without John Thompson, Georgetown is playing more like a John Thompson-type team. So says the coach of the No. 1 team in the country.

Earlier this month, Jim Calhoun's Connecticut team was unchallenged in the first half and routed Thompson's Hoyas 87-64, the Huskies' biggest margin of victory against their Big East rival.

In Monday night's rematch, new Georgetown coach Craig Esherick's players stymied UConn with scrappy and unrelenting physical play for more than a half. Finally, a 16-6 second-half run led by Richard Hamilton erased a six-point deficit as the Huskies emerged with a 78-71 victory and remained the only unbeaten team in Division I.

"Craig's got them playing like John Thompson's Georgetown," Calhoun said. "They didn't play like that when they played us up in Storrs. They're a pretty good team. Nobody can put them away. They made shots. They set the pace. It wasn't fast, it was frenetic. We're not used to that."

In the only other game Monday involving a ranked team, Tulsa beat No. 24 Texas Christian 72-62.

Hamilton took more than his share of bumps along the way, but he kept his head and finished with 27 points, making 10 of 13 free throws.

"I always feel the game of basketball is played from the shoulders up," Hamilton said. "It's not a physical grudge match out there, so I know if they try to really get up on me I can outsmart them."

Calhoun said the Huskies (18-0, 10-0 Big East) were tired after three games in six days. Now there's a four-day break before the toughest part of the schedule: No. 9 St. John's, No. 17 Syracuse, then No. 3 Stanford.

Georgetown (9-10, 2-8) has lost four of six games since Esherick took over following Thompson's sudden resignation for personal reasons January 6. But three of the losses have been by two points or fewer, and his Hoyas led the nation's top ranked team 47-41 early in the second half.

**Tulsa 72, No. 24 TCU 62**

The Golden Hurricane took advantage of Lee Nailon's absence to upend Texas Christian.

Nailon, the Western Athletic Conference's leading scorer at 22.7 points per game, served a one-game suspension for fighting against UNLV last Saturday.

Brandon Kurtz led Tulsa (16-5, 4-2) with 17 points and 12 rebounds.

Marquise Gainous, averaging nearly 20 points for TCU (15-5, 3-3), picked up his fourth foul early in the second half and finished with a season-low five points.

**College Basketball Top 25**

The top 25 teams in The AP's men's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through January 24, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking:

| | Record | Pts | Pvs. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. Connecticut (54) | 17-0 | 1,755 | 1 |
| 2. Duke (17) | 19-1 | 1,719 | 2 |
| 3. Stanford | 17-2 | 1,593 | 3 |
| 4. Maryland | 18-2 | 1,549 | 4 |
| 5. Cincinnati | 18-1 | 1,544 | 5 |
| 6. Kentucky | 17-4 | 1,386 | 7 |
| 7. Auburn | 18-1 | 1,276 | 6 |
| 8. Michigan St. | 16-4 | 1,211 | 11 |
| 9. St. John's | 16-4 | 1,189 | 8 |
| 10. North Carolina | 17-4 | 1,177 | 10 |
| 11. UCLA | 14-4 | 1,066 | 13 |
| 12. Wisconsin | 18-3 | 985 | 15 |
| 13. Arizona | 13-3 | 935 | 9 |
| 14. Purdue | 15-5 | 625 | 16 |
| 15. Ohio St. | 15-5 | 611 | — |
| 16. Iowa | 13-4 | 567 | 14 |
| 17. Syracuse | 14-5 | 490 | 20 |
| HM: New Mexico | 16-4 | 433 | 12 |
| 19. Minnesota | 12-4 | 404 | 17 |
| 20. Indiana | 16-6 | 390 | 18 |
| 21. Arkansas | 14-5 | 342 | 22 |
| 22. Kansas | 13-5 | 324 | 19 |
| 23. Miami | 12-4 | 307 | 25 |
| 24. Texas Christian | 15-4 | 211 | 21 |
| 25. Florida | 14-3 | 166 | — |

# Ranatunga hearing postponed

ADELAIDE (Reuters) – The International Cricket Council (ICC) announced yesterday it had postponed its hearing into allegations of misconduct against Sri Lanka captain Arjuna Ranatunga.

ICC match referee Peter van der Merwe said in a statement the hearing was adjourned after two hours and would be reopened at a date to be fixed.

Van der Merwe was later quoted as saying on Australian television: "Certain points were raised by Mr Ranatunga's legal representatives and I thought that was the best thing to do."

Ranatunga was ordered to appear before the disciplinary panel after he was cited during Saturday's controversial limited-overs match against England.

Ranatunga was charged with conduct unbecoming an international player, showing dissent, intimidating an umpire and using abusive language, local media reported. A charge was also added by van der Merwe relating to a captain being respoosible for upholding the spirit of the laws.

Ranatunga led his players off the Adelaide Oval in protest after Australian umpire Ross Emerson called Sri Lankan off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan for throwing.

Play was halted for about 12 minutes and a visibly angry Ranatunga and Emerson could be seen pointing fingers at each other. Ranatunga also pointed his finger at van der Merwe during the delay.

Yesterday, Emerson was stood down by the Australian Cricket Board when it was discovered he was on stress leave from his regular job.

Sri Lanka went on to post a one-wicket win last Saturday's match that also featured several clashes between players from the two teams.

Ranatunga declined to speak with local media after yesterday's hearing was postponed.

Sri Lankan team manager Ranjit Fernando also refused to comment when the team arrived in Perth ahead of Friday's limited-overs match against England.

"Our lips are sealed," Fernando told reporters.

Asked when the hearing would be, he shrugged his shoulders and said: "Ask the match referee."

## Gullit, Dalglish, Keegan join forces for Beardsley benefit

NEWCASTLE (AP) – Ruud Gullit, Kenny Dalglish, Kevin Keegan, Alan Shearer and Paul Gascoigne will pull on the Newcastle United colors today in a tribute to former Magpies star Peter Beardsley.

The star-studded lineup of players and coaches with former and current links with Newcastle, are turning out for Beardsley's benefit in a special game against Scottish champions Glasgow Celtic. The proceeds will go to the little striker who is still playing at age 38.

Organizers of the game are hoping that some 30,000 Magpies fans will be at St. James Park for the game in which former Newcastle stars Andy Cole (now with Manchester United) and Darren Huckerby (Coventry) will also play.

Beardsley, whose league debut was with Carlisle in 1979 had nine seasons with Newcastle in two spells.

After playing in Canada for Vancouver Whitecaps, he was on Manchester United's books but was released without playing a single game. He had very successful spells with Newcastle, Liverpool and Everton before returning to St. James Park six years ago. He is now with struggling Hartlepool in division three.

Beardsley, who has scored 250 goals in some 700 games, played 59 times for England including in the World Cup semifinal team in 1990.

## Murdoch aide: Italian pay TV deal imminent

MILAN (AP) – Media magnate Rupert Murdoch is ready to make a sweeping offer to buy rights to televize Italian soccer games, the head of his News Corp. Europe said yesterday.

Letizia Moratti said an offer to the Italian soccer league will be presented by February.

News Corp. wants to break into the Italian pay TV market by broadcasting soccer games on Telecom Italia's new pay TV unit, Stream. Murdoch is close to buying 80 percent of Stream.

He was reportedly ready to pay 4.2 trillion lire ($2.6 billion) for exclusive rights to first division and second division soccer games for the next six seasons.

The Italian government has proposed limiting any single pay TV company to 60 percent of the matches, but Moratti said the negotiations were continuing despite the proposal.

# SPORTS *in brief*

### UEFA reject Blatter's two-year World Cup idea

CAPE TOWN (Reuters) – The executive committee of UEFA yesterday rejected a proposal by FIFA president Sepp Blatter to hold the World Cup every two years, saying it would devalue the competition and the game of soccer.

UEFA general-secretary Gerhard Aigner said the committee, meeting in Cape Town ahead of the Merdian Cup youth tournament, agreed unanimously that Blatter's proposal "had no positive elements for European football nor football in general nor the World Cup".

"It is obvious that it would serve only to devalue the World Cup," Aigner said. UEFA are to invite Blatter to a meeting to discuss his proposal. The date of the meeting will be fixed later, said UEFA vice-president Antonio Matarrese. "We want to hear more details from him and also give him the reasons for our decision," he said.

### No decision on sole African 2006 bid

CAPE TOWN (Reuters) – Plans to cut the number of African countries bidding for the 2006 World Cup from five to just one strong candidate have been delayed, officials said yesterday.

A meeting of the Confederation of African Football (CAF) executive committee discussed ways to persuade the five African bidding countries – Egypt, Ghana, Morocco, Nigeria and South Africa – to unite behind a single candidate but did not reach any conclusion, secretary-general Mustapha Fahmy said.

Fahmy said an approach by CAF was still being worked out and no decision would be taken yet.

England, Germany and Brazil are also bidding.

### Vatanen heads into politics

HELSINKI (Reuters) – Finland's former world rally champion Ari Vatanen plans to run for the European Parliament on a Conservative ticket.

"It is very important that at European level there are people from other spheres of life than politics," he said yesterday.

Vatanen, 45, world champion in 1981, said he would not retire from the sport if elected.

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# When gown comes to town

## Oxford's draw vs. Chelsea earns London outing

IT'S a funny old game, football. After a weekend relatively free of fourth-round Cup shocks, (even Fulham's win at Aston Villa was not a result to cause the blood pressure to rise that much considering the vast amount of money made available to manager Kevin Keegan), we were all set on Monday night for Chelsea to demolish Oxford and move on to meet Sheffield Wednesday in the fifth round.

London Calling



Mark Rivlin

The Oxford-Chelsea tie was the stuff London musicals are made of. Rich toffs strutting their wealth in the poor end of town and possibly looking at a mugging. Oxford, the university town of eternal spires whose football club is £12 million in debt still playing in the wholly inadequate Manor Ground, as the half-finished shell of a new stadium – the brainchild of the late Robert Maxwell rots away nearby.

Chelsea prepared for the game by spending a week in Tenerife – Oxford went for an afternoon to the races. But this is the FA Cup, the great leveler, and with the Manor Ground pitch anything but level. Oxford took advantage of Chelsea's lethargy and led through Dean Windass's goal.

Chelsea's late equalizer, courtesy of a controversial penalty awarded by controversial referee Mike Reed, ensures that Oxford will earn much-needed cash from the replay in London.

The draw is the best possible result for Oxford, whose financial plight is so bad that players are used to being paid late. But it is certainly a sign of the times that a run in the Cup is measured by how long a team can hold on to its playing staff. After the game, it was confirmed that Windass, the subject of transfer speculation from Premiership Leicester City, is staying with Oxford until they are forced to sell him.

ALONG with Chelsea and Manchester United, Arsenal are in with a chance of a league and cup double. Arsenal's disciplinary problems continue – in the team's 2-1 victory over Wolves on Sunday, Emmanuel Petit became the 19th player to be sent off during Arsene Wenger's tenure. Petit had already been booked, but his red card was for foul language directed at the referee's assistant close to the end of the game. Assuming the official is not fluent in dialectic French, Petit was presumably guilty of a less-than-friendly finger gesture.

Wenger, normally very cool under media pressure, is clearly beginning to crack under the strain as his post-match conference indicated. "There is a media campaign against us. We are not dirty. In fact we are a nice side. Too nice at times."

But Wenger is finding it difficult to control his players' actions on the pitch to the extent that the media is almost anticipating a sending off.

Fulham's reward for beating Villa is a lucrative trip to Manchester United and a renewal of the old rivalry between Fulham boss Kevin Keegan and Alex Ferguson which was made famous by an ugly exchange at the end of the 1996 season. Fulham's victory at Villa was fully merited, although the Premiership team were without Stan Collymore who decided not to turn up at the stadium after being informed he was not part of the starting line-up. Villa manager John Gregory was not amused and there was talk of the temperamental player being sold but after a meeting on Monday, stress counseling came to the rescue and Collymore will go on the couch in the last-chance saloon to sort out his many problems.

Arsenal, despite their excellent league position and cup run, are a club in turmoil if one is to believe the tabloids. Midfielder Stephen Hughes did not conceal his anger to Wenger after being left out of the team to face Wolves. And striker Nicolas Anelka is looking at a possible return to Paris after complaining of being isolated at the club. "In England I have made no new friends. I do nothing at all except train and play," the French young player said at the weekend.

Wenger's fellow countryman, Gerard Houllier, manager at Liverpool also hit the headlines, but for the right reasons, following the pulsating cup tie at Old Trafford on Sunday. Houllier is probably unaware of the intense rivalry which borders on hatred between Manchester United and Liverpool.

But his post-match comment "if my players keep working and keep trying, then will one day match United" is certainly out of the ordinary. Before the game, Manchester United and England defender Gary Neville, one of the most mild-mannered and intelligent players around was quoted by BBC Radio as having said that he had always hated Liverpool Football club.

IT'S certainly been a football-like atmosphere in Australia after the latest round of one-day cricket internationals involving England, Australia and Sri Lanka. England's one-wicket defeat to Sri Lanka over the weekend witnessed some extraordinary scenes. After the no-ball incident regarding spinner Muttiah Muralitharan, the game became more than competitive, and in the last over England captain Alec Stewart was seen to barge into Roshan Mahanama. Stewart described the game as the worst he had ever played in, and the stakes are bound to be high this coming season as Muralitharan joins Lancashire after the World Cup.

PROMOTER Barry Hearn made a coup in signing up Naseem Hamed for his next defense of the WBO world featherweight championship on April 10. Hearn, chairman of Third Division football club Leyton Orient, has made a name for himself in promoting snooker. But more recently rival promoter Frank Warren has enjoyed the limelight in staging the big fights – including Hamed. But Hamed's recent split with Warren has opened the door again for Hearn.

# Hick sparkles in losing cause

ADELAIDE (AP) – Graeme Hick scored his third century in the limited-overs tri-series but still finished a loser as Australia won a one-day international by 16 runs yesterday over England at the Adelaide Oval.

England were bowled out for 223 as it failed in a chase of Australia's 239 for eight off 50 overs.

Hick's 109 had threatened to ruin the Australia Day celebrations to take England four points clear of their arch rivals in the series. But instead Australia go to the top of the group, level on eight points with England in the triangular tournament.

Stand-in skipper Shane Warne got his tactics right at the end, starving Hick of the strike while the tail enders threw their wickets away in a panic in the final overs.

Intense pressure from the Australia bowlers left England needing more than a run a ball entering the last five overs after they had required 64 off 82 balls at one stage.

After piling up successive scores of 108, 66 not out and 126 not out, Hick was the rock of the England innings in a tense clash on a slow pitch.

But he was cleverly denied center stage as the batting crumbled around him.

There was still hope that England could pull off a dramatic win when Hick and No. 10 Dean Headley needed 25 to win off the final three overs.

In Warne's final over, Hick was dropped in the deep by Stuart Law and then hammered Warne for six.

But disaster struck in the penultimate over when a mixup between Headley and Hick left England's great hope stranded at the non-striker's end and he was run out.

Earlier, Australia recovered from a poor start. Damien Martyn was unbeaten on 59 while Warne (11) was run out off the last ball of the innings.

Australia began disastrously when opener Adam Gilchrist was out on the fifth ball of the day, bowled by Darren Gough for a duck.

Gough struck again in his fifth over when he bowled Greg Blewett for four, putting Australia at 25-2.

Mark Waugh and Darren Lehmann steadied the innings with a valuable 93-run partnership off 109 balls.

Waugh made 65 off 80 before he hit Robert Croft to Nasser Hussain at mid wicket.



CENTURY MAKER – England's Graeme Hick walks from the pitch after being run out for 109 runs during a one-day international match against Australia, who won by 16 runs (Reuters)

### India-Pakistan

Undaunted by the presence of hundreds of policemen, Indian and Pakistani cricketers practiced yesterday in Madras two days ahead of a crucial Test match that a small right-wing group had threatened to disrupt.

"All this security does not worry us," said Pakistani's captain, Wasim Akram, as his team practiced at the M.A. Chidambaram stadium. "We have come here to play cricket and once on the field, we forget everything else and are focused on the game."

Some 6,000 policemen will guard the stadium when the match begins tomorrow, the first in 12 years that Pakistan is playing in India. The hostile neighbors usually face off each other in a neutral country because political rivalry usually spills on to the cricket field. People of both nations are crazy about cricket.

The leader of a right-wing group had threatened to disrupt the matches, saying Pakistan trains and arms separatists in Kashmir, the Himalayan territory over which both nations have fought two of their three wars. Pakistan says it only gives the guerrillas moral support.

Bal Thackeray, the fiery leader of the Shiv Sena Party, which is part of the governing coalition in New Delhi, withdrew his threat to disrupt the matches following pressure from the prime minister and large-scale criticism of his action by the public.

The teams will play another Test in New Delhi early next month.

In the last month, Shiv Sena activists have dug up the cricket pitch in New Delhi and ransacked the office of the Board of Cricket Control in India in the western city of Bombay. At one time, the party threatened to dispatch suicide squads and to let loose poisonous snakes in the stadia to disrupt the matches.

### Scoreboard

In the tri-series limited-overs match between Australia and England at the Adelaide Oval yesterday

| Australia innings | |
|---|---|
| M.Waugh c Hussain b Croft | 65 |
| A.Gilchrist b Gough | 0 |
| G.Blewett b Gough | 4 |
| D.Lehmann b Croft | 51 |
| D.Martyn not out | 59 |
| S.Law c Stewart b Ealham | 3 |
| S.Lee c Fairbrother b Headley | 41 |
| B.Julian b Headley | 0 |
| S.Warne run out | 11 |
| Extras (lb-4 nb-1) | 5 |
| Total (for eight wickets, 50 overs) | 239 |

Fall of wickets: 1-1 2-25 3-118 4-131 5-134 6-224 7-224 8-239. Did not bat: A.Dale, G.McGrath.
Bowling: Gough 10-0-51-2, Mullally 10-0-36-0, Headley 10-0-59-2 (nb-1), Ealham 10-0-46-1, Croft 10-0-40-2.

| England innings | |
|---|---|
| N.Knight c & b Warne | 42 |
| A.Stewart c Gilchrist b Dale | 6 |
| G.Hick run out | 109 |
| N.Hussain lbw McGrath | 21 |
| N.Fairbrother b McGrath | 10 |
| J.Crawley c & b Julian | 11 |
| M.Ealham c & b Warne | 4 |
| R.Croft c & b Julian | 0 |
| D.Gough c Dale b Warne | 2 |
| D.Headley b McGrath | 2 |
| A.Mullally not out | 0 |
| Extras (lb-7 nb-7 w-2) | 16 |
| Total (from 48.3 overs) | 223 |

Fall of wickets: 1-18 2-98 3-162 4-176 5-193 6-202 7-204 8-210 9-223.
Bowling: McGrath 9.3-0-40-3 (nb-3), Dale 10-1-35-1 (nb-1), Lee 8-0-23-0, Julian 10-0-44-2 (w-2 nb-2), Warne 10-0-38-3 (nb-1), Martyn 3-0-15-0, Law 2-0-8-0, Lehmann 1-0-12-0.
Result: Australia won by 16 runs.
Man of the match: Graeme Hick.

### Tri-series standings

| | P | W | L | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Australia | 7 | 4 | 3 | 8 |
| England | 7 | 4 | 3 | 8 |
| Sri Lanka | 6 | 2 | 4 | 4 |

# A's sign free agent Raines

OAKLAND (AP) – Free agent outfielder Tim Raines, the only member of the World Series champion New York Yankees not re-signed by the team, agreed to a one-year contract with the Oakland Athletics on Monday.

Raines will get $600,000 plus a bonus of $50,000 if he is named an All-Star.

The 39-year-old hit .290 in 109 games with the Yankees, who won an AL-record 114 games last season. He walked 55 times for a .395 on-base percentage.

Raines, a 20-year veteran with a .296 career average, leads all active players with 112 triples, and ranks second with 1,528 runs scored and 803 stolen bases. He ranks fourth with 1,264 walks.

"Raines will definitely be a welcome addition in the A's clubhouse this season," A's manager Art Howe said. "He knows what it takes to win and he'll show the youngsters the way to go. It will be nice to have his bat in the lineup or on the bench to use in key situations."

Raines made his debut in Montreal in 1979 and was a seven-time All-Star with the Expos. His best overall season was in 1987 when he hit .330 with 68 RBI, 18 home runs, 90 walks, 50 steals and 123 runs scored.

After the 1990 season, Raines was traded to the White Sox. He spent five seasons in Chicago before being dealt to the Yankees.

Raines averaged .299 in three seasons with the Yankees.

### St. Louis honors McGwire

Home run king mark McGwire, wrapping up his first visit to town since hitting No. 70 on September 27, was honored Monday night by the St. Louis chapter of the Baseball Writers Association of America, as the Baseball Man of the Year.

Cardinals teammates still are shaking their heads at his accomplishments.

"That was the most fun year I've ever had, just being a part of that," pitcher Kent Mercker said. "It was a blast, and I hope it happens again."

McGwire came to town three days before the pope's arrival and seemingly created the same sort of stir.

Cardinals Hall of Famer Bob Gibson, among the honorees at the sold-out dinner, said McGwire's feat wasn't the biggest surprise to him.

"What surprised me is the pitchers kept throwing to him," said Gibson, now a special assistant to American League president Gene Budig. "I would have challenged him."

Other headliners at the sold-out dinner, which attracted 2,000 fans, were New York Yankees manager Joe Torre and baseball commissioner Bud Selig. Torre was fired by the Cardinals in 1995 after five years as manager, but his Yankees set a major-league record last year with 114 victories.

Three Cardinals players are on the list of award-winners: outfielder Ray Lankford for outstanding achievement, catcher Eli Marrero as the team's rookie of the year, and new outfielder Eric Davis for his comeback from colon cancer. Former Cardinals outfielder Brian Jordan, who signed a free-agent deal with Atlanta, also was honored for outstanding achievements in baseball.

# Euro 200m champion denies taking drugs

LONDON (AP) – European 200 meters champion Doug Walker is the athlete facing a ban after testing positive for an illegal substance although he maintained yesterday that he was innocent.

UK Athletics, the new governing body of the sport in Britain, announced on Monday that an athlete had tested positive in two urine samples but declined to identify him until further investigations had been made.

Walker revealed through the *Glasgow Herald* that he was the athlete concerned but insisted that another substance, which he says is legal and taken by other athletes, could have shown up in the tests, which apparently show the presence of steroids. He did not say what the other substance was.

"I have never taken any banned substance in my life. I have never used steroids and I will be contesting the findings," he told the Herald. "No chance of me ever using drugs. I am innocent and expect to be exonerated."

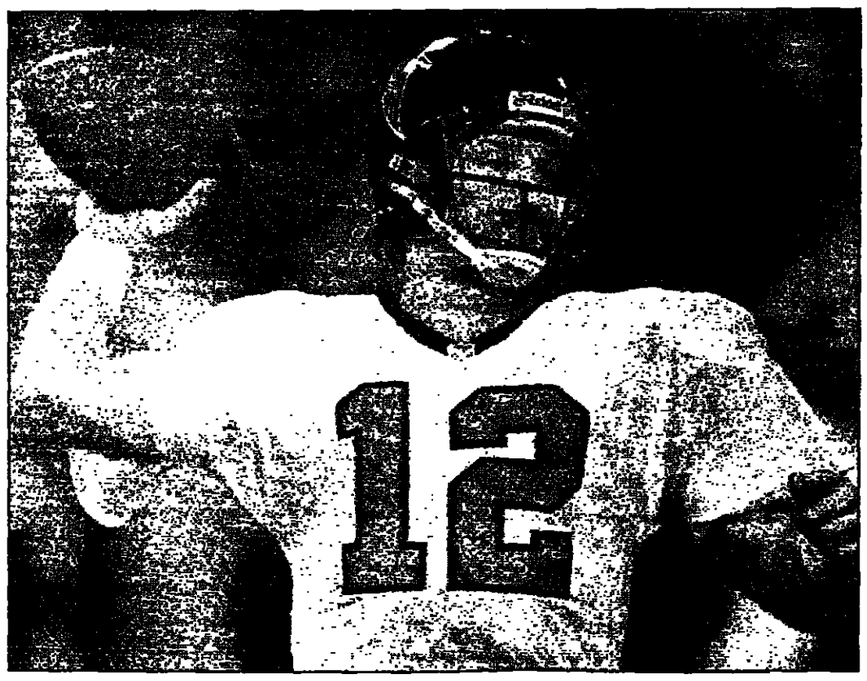
# Tyson-Schulz bout off

**FRANKFURT (AP) – Mike Tyson won't be fighting Axel Schulz next, the German fighter's manager said yesterday.**

**Pay-per-view television operator Showtime was not interested in Schulz as the opponent in Tyson's next fight scheduled for April 24, said Wilfried Sauerland, the manager of the German heavyweight.**

**Showtime was concerned about lower than expected income from Tyson's last bout against Francois Botha and was now looking for a different opponent, possibly Donovan "Razor" Ruddock, Sauerland said.**

**Sauerland said he would now try to set up a fight between Schulz and the WBC champion Lennox Lewis.**



FIRING LINE –Falcons quarterback Chris Chandler. (Reuters)

# Broncos, Falcons point to 'wake-up calls'

## Denver still reels from '96 playoff loss to Jaguars; Atlanta bemoans 49ers' win

MIAMI (AP) – In losing, the Denver Broncos and Atlanta Falcons found the inspiration to become winners.

For the Broncos, the humiliating defeat to Jacksonville in the 1996 playoffs still serves as motivation.

"I will never forget that game," Terrell Davis said. "Never."

For the Falcons, a more recent loss, at San Francisco in the third week of this season, spurred the turnaround from perennial losers – eight winning seasons in 33 years – to NFC champions.

"That was when the character-building on this team began, the second half of that San Francisco game," Travis Hall said of a 31-20 loss that was 31-7 at halftime. "The guys just decided they weren't going to quit."

So don't expect any submissions by either side on Sunday when the defending champion Broncos and the upstart Falcons meet in the Super Bowl. Their memories are too sharp to let that happen.

Just look in the eyes of those Broncos players when the 30-27 home playoff loss to Jacksonville is mentioned. See the fire building in their psyches.

"That was the most painful loss we could've experienced," Ray Crockett said. "We could've been 15-1 or 14-2 that year, we had the home field, we were on our way. We let something very valuable go that could've been our only chance. ...We definitely should've been in the Super Bowl that year. But it might be a big reason we've been in the Super Bowl the last two years."

Indeed, the Broncos learned a valuable lesson with that defeat. Despite owning the best record in the AFC and clinching the West by the end of November, they were well into their offseason when the NFL championship was being decided between Green Bay and New England.

Ever since, they are unbeaten at Mile High Stadium and have won six straight postseason games, including last January's Super Bowl over the Packers. A victory on Sunday will give them the look of a dynasty.

"It takes a lot of work and dedication and heartache by a lot of people to get there," Bill Romanowski said. "After you've been the best, it might be natural for a letdown. But we have enough veterans and enough guys who remember (the Jacksonville loss) and who won't let it happen again. We have too many guys who enjoyed the experience and won't let winning not happen again."

What the Falcons generally have experienced for three decades is losing. Their biggest tormentor has been San Francisco.

But when they made things close at 3Com Park, then won five of their next six before meeting the 49ers again, they felt validated. And when they beat the Niners 31-19 at home, they felt ready to contend for, well, just about anything.

Including the Super Bowl, which they reached for the first time with their scintillating comeback victory at Minnesota for the NFC championship.

"Right now, man, we've got guys out here who truly believe not only in the coaches, but in each other," said Jessie Tuggle, whose dozen years in Atlanta make him the senior Falcon. "When the game is on the line, someone needs to step up and make a play, I don't worry about, 'Hey, who's going to make the play?' I know my teammates will come through for me like I come through for them."

The Falcons have come through every week since November 1. But it was that September 27 defeat they tend to point toward as the turning point of their special year, the game they built on.

"The 49ers ruled our division," Ray Buchanan said. "When we showed we wouldn't back down, things began changing."

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# CRITICS' CHOICE

## ETHNIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT



The Ruth Yaakov Ensemble with (L-R) Shkelzen Doli, Levent Tarhan, Yaakov and Juan Carlos Sungurlian

The Rugh Yaakov Ensemble presents *Sephardic Songs of the Balkans.* The group, which has been exciting European audiences since 1993, consists of Yaakov, an Israeli singer who performs and teaches all over the world, Juan Carlos Sungurlian (oud and bouzouki) from Montevideo, the Albanian-born Shkelzen Doli (violin) and Turkish percussionist Levent Tarhan. Their special style takes traditional a-cappella folk songs and presents them in an exciting instrumental mixture which draws from the Jewish singing tradition and the rich and variegated Balkan instrumental folk music. The Rugh Yaakov Ensemble performs tonight at 9 at the Zionist Confederation House in Jerusalem and tomorrow at the Tel Aviv Music Library (on Bialik St.) at 8 p.m.

## CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

Michael Schneider leads the Israel Camerata Jerusalem in late baroque for oboe and oboe d'amore by C.P.E. Bach, Vivaldi, Zelenka, Beck and Johann Sebastian Bach with Swiss soloist Thomas Indermuhle. Tonight in Rehovot, Friday and Saturday at the Tel Aviv Museum and next Sunday at the Henry Crown Auditorium in Jerusalem. All concerts at 8:30 p.m., except Friday at 2 p.m.

Schmuel Friedman leads the Israel Chamber Orchestra in Mozart's 38th ("Prague") Symphony, Bloch's First Concerto Grosso for strings and Piano Obbligato (Irina Fridland as soloist), two arias from Mozart's *Le clemenza di Tito* and Haydn's cantata *Arianna a Naxos* (soloist mezzo-soprano Zandra McMaster). Tonight at the Jaffa Music Center and tomorrow at the Tel Aviv Museum. Both at 8:30 p.m.

Shmuel Elbaz leads the Israel Sinfonietta Beersheba in a light-classics program of dance pieces by Johann Strauss, Walton, Dvorak, Gluck, Brahms and other composers. With violinist Nurit Stark as soloist, tonight in Kiryat Gat, tomorrow in Dimona and January 30 in Arad. All at 8:30 p.m.

# TV

**■ CHANNEL 1 (11)**

**ARABIC PROGRAMS**
6:30 News flash
6:31 News in Arabic
6:45 Good Morning Israel

**■ EDUCATIONAL TV**

8:00 Marcia's Giselle – a modern version of the classical ballet
8:30 Family Album
9:00 Guitar for Beginners
9:30 Communication: The Human Imperative
10:00 For the very young
11:00 Mathematics
12:20 Sciences
13:30 Hanni's Room
15:00 Sesame Street

**■ CHANNEL 1 (11)**

15:30 Heartbreak High
16:15 Eli and Lily
16:30 Zapzaps
16:59 A New Evening
17:35 Marked Places
18:15 News in English

**ARABIC PROGRAMS**
18:30 Paths of Science
19:00 News in Arabic

**HEBREW PROGRAMS**
19:30 The Simpsons
20:00 News Headlines
20:10 Nowhere Man
21:00 News
21:30 One on One
22:05 Lakes – BBC drama about a young man rejected by his family who leaves his drab hometown for the unspoilt countryside, and a new life – part 1
23:00 Good Luck
23:30 News
00:00 Verse of the Day

**■ CHANNEL 2 (22)**

5:45 Today's programs
5:55 Song of the Day
6:00 Rupert Bear
6:30 Choco Tel-Ad
6:43 Coffee Tel-Ad
9:00 Third Time
9:55 Thirty Something
10:50 Dangerous Minds
11:40 Something So Right
12:05 Life's Work
12:30 Mega Movie Magic
13:00 News in Our Eyes
13:30 Ghost Writer
14:00 Home and Away
14:30 Tick Tack
15:00 Disney Time
16:00 The Bold and the Beautiful
16:50 Street Corner
17:00 Five with Sukenik
17:30 Sport TV
18:00 Ellen
18:30 VIP
19:25 Posing with Yael Abecassis
20:00 News
20:30 Ramat Aviv Gimmel
21:15 Fact with Ilana Dayan
22:05 Avraham and Ya'acov
23:25 Short at Midnight
00:00 News
00:05 The X-Files
1:00 M*A*S*H
1:30 1997 Red Sea Jazz Festival – George Coleman
2:25 Song for the Day

**■ JORDAN TV (31)**
(unconfirmed)

15:00 Holy Koran
15:10 Teddy Ruxpin
15:30 Beyond the Galaxy
16:00 French program
16:30 Crystal Maze
17:00 Subways
18:00 Bugby Spirit
19:00 Le Journal
19:15 French series
19:30 News Headlines
19:35 Keeping Mum
20:00 From Our Special Reporter

20:30 Series
21:15 Kung Fu 3
21:30 Faces and Places
22:00 News in English
22:30 Chicago Hope
23:15 Bugs
00:00 The Album

**■ MIDDLE EAST TV (24/27)**
(unconfirmed)

7:30 700 Club
8:00 TV Shopping
15:00 Blake & Mortimer
15:30 The Bionic Six
16:00 Woody Woodpecker
16:30 Redbeard
17:00 700 Club
17:30 Arabic World News
18:00 CNN World of Entertainment
18:30 Coach
19:00 Wiseguy
20:00 Commish
21:00 Live Italian Soccer – Inter Milan vs Lazzio
23:00 Late Show with David Letterman
00:00 TV Shopping
2:00 700 Club

## CABLE

**■ ITV 3 (33)**

16:30 Dictator
17:30 Animation
18:00 Tears of Pain
19:00 News in Arabic
20:00 Doctors Talk
20:30 Is It Legal?
21:00 News
21:30 Scent of Mint
23:00 The Spirit Within

**■ ETV 2 (23)**

15:30 Mathematics
16:00 Fairy Tales
17:00 Short Story Festival
17:50 Arabic Stories
18:00 Pique Nique
18:30 Cooking with Capriel
19:00 Thousand Faces of Indonesia
19:30 Vis-a-Vis
20:00 New Evening
20:30 Tastes
20:55 Little Big Country
21:00 Destinations: Rajasthan
22:00 In the Heat of the Night
22:45 Radio Bikini

**■ CHANNEL 3**

6:30 Love Story with Yossi Siyas (rpt)
7:00 The Tonight Show with Jay Leno (rpt)
7:45 Good Evening with Guy Pines (rpt)
8:10 Celeste
9:00 Falcon Crest
9:45 The Young and the Restless (rpt)
10:30 Days of Our Lives
11:15 Forever Little Women
12:00 Barnaby Jones
12:45 Dallas
13:30 Newsradio
14:00 Bewitched
14:25 I Dream of Jeannie
14:50 Ricki Lake
15:35 Judge Judy
16:00 Forever little Women
16:45 Days of Our Lives
17:30 Frasier
18:00 Good Evening with Guy Pines
18:30 Local Broadcast
19:00 The Young and the Restless
19:40 Melrose Place
20:25 La Femme Nikita
21:10 Mad About You
21:35 Veronica's Closet
22:00 Yair Lapid Live at 10
22:30 Seinfeld (rpt)
23:00 The Tonight Show with Jay Leno
23:45 Good Evening
00:15 ER
1:05 Prey
1:50 Red Shoe Diary

**■ MOVIE CHANNEL (4)**

11:30 Stoning in Fulham
County (1993) – a DA investigates the death of an infant in an Amish community. With Ken Olin and Jill Eikenberry
13:15 The Meanest Gal in Town (1942) – an ambitious barber will not marry until he adds a chair to his salon. With James Gleason
14:15 Partners (1995) – short film about a successful lawyer who loses his hold on life after he meets his high-school sweetheart. With Griffin Dunne
14:55 Hershele (Hebrew, 1977) – Mike Burstyn as a Russian immigrant who moves into a Mizrahi neighborhood
16:30 Misha (Spanish, 1997) – a beggar woman finally earns people's respect by uncovering a case of corruption
17:40 Peacock Blues (1996) – short film about a tattoo artist and his relationship with a young woman who is the canvas for his greatest creation
18:20 Chuppa: The Wedding Canopy (1994) – documentary by Sascha Schneider about his parents, who fell in love in the Riga ghetto during the Holocaust and never officially married. Fifty years later, they had the ceremony
19:45 Perfect Body (1996) – a teenager on the US Olympic gymnastic team keeps a diet that turns to anorexia. With Amy Jo Johnson
21:10 Sentinel
22:00 Last Man Standing (1995) – a policeman investigating his partner's death finds himself caught between an organized crime gang and a ring of crooked cops. With Jeff Wincott, Jillian McWhirter and Jonathan Fuller
23:35 Going All the Way (1997) – based on Dan Wakefield's story of two army veterans who become fast friends despite class differences. With Jeremy Davies and Ben Affleck
1:20 Lethal Ninja (1993) – an American martial artist travels to an Asian island to rescue his wife from a ruthless Nazi. With Ross Kettle and Kimberleigh Stark
2:40 New Jersey Drive (1989, 93 mins.) – crime thriller produced by Spike Lee about a youth who steals cars and a tough police officer determined to put an end to crime on his beat. With Sharron Corley and Gabriel Casseus

**■ CHILDREN (6)**

6:30 Cartoons
8:05 Simba, Jungle King
8:45 Snorks
9:05 Mozart and the Gang
9:30 The Smurfs
10:05 Ninja Turtles
10:35 Superman
10:55 Dexter's Lab
11:35 Calamity Jane
12:00 Bandana Brenda
12:30 The Muddles
12:55 Nils Holgersen
13:35 Simba, Jungle King
14:05 The Little Bits
14:30 Arthur
15:05 The Smurfs
15:30 Ninja Turtles
16:05 Superman
16:25 Dexter's Lab
17:05 Cow and Chicken
17:30 Flipper
18:30 Crazy
19:00 Moesha – reruns
19:30 Family Matters
19:55 Married with Children
20:20 Full House
20:45 The Fresh Prince of Bel Air – reruns
21:10 Lois and Clark

# PRIME TIME TV

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 8 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 19:30 | The Simpsons | Posing with Yael Abecassis | Melrose Place | Perfect Body | Family Matters<br>Married with Children | Hunt for Amazing Treasures<br>3,000 Mile Garden |
| 20:00 | News<br>Nowhere Man | News | La Femme Nikita | | Ful House | |
| 20:30 | | Ramat Aviv Gimmel | | | Fresh Prince of Bel Air | The Next Step |
| 21:00 | News | Fact With Ilana Dayan | Mad About You | Sentinel | Lois and Clark | The Mind Traveller |
| 21:30 | One on One | | Veronica's Closet | | | |
| 22:00 | Lakes | Avraham and Ya'acov | Yair Lapid Live at 10 | Last Man Standing | Caro Diario | Future Fantastic |
| 22:30 | | | Seinfeld | | | Bat-Eared Fox |
| 23:00 | Good Luck | | The Tonight Show with Jay Leno | | | |

**■ SECOND SHOWING (5)**

22:00 Caro Diario (Italian, 1993) – Nani Moretti directs himself in this autobiographical movie. Traveling on his motor scooter, cruising with his friend around a set of remote islands and consulting doctors to cure an annoying rash let Moretti take a humorous look at his life
23:40 James Stewart (1996, 56 mins.) – portrait

**■ CHANNEL 8**

6:00 Open University (rpts from Tuesday at 23:30)
8:00 Terminators (rpt)
8:30 Beyond 2000 (rpt)
8:55 Lottery (rpt)
9:45 Kurt Weill: Down in the Valley – short opera
10:40 Brahms: Ein Deutsches Requiem
12:05 Life in the Wild (rpt)
12:30 Hunt For Amazing Treasures (rpt)
13:00 3,000 Mile Garden
13:25 The Next Step (rpt)
13:50 The Mind Traveller
14:40 Que Viva Tina (rpt)
15:35 Great Crimes and Trials (rpt)
16:05 A Mind to Crime, part 1 – a look at two children with tendencies to violence
17:00 Open University: Face of Culture; Great Minds of Business; Drama, Play, Performance
19:00 Bat Eared Fox
19:30 Hunt For Amazing Treasures
20:05 3,000 Mile Garden, part 2 – correspondence about food and gardening
20:35 The Next Step
21:00 The Mind Traveller, part 4 – autism
21:50 Future Fantastic – BBC documentary series. Today's episode deals with the search for intelligent life on other planets
22:40 Bat-Eared Fox (rpt)
23:10 Hunt For Amazing Treasures (rpt)
23:35 Open University: Born Talking; David Oistrakh, Artist; Universe, Infinite Frontiers
1:35 Bat-Eared Fox (rpt)
2:00 Hunt For Amazing Treasures (rpt)
2:25 3,000 Mile Garden

**■ STAR WORLD (18/15)**

6:00 The Pretender
7:00 Oprah Winfrey Show
8:00 Santa Barbara
9:00 The Bold and the Beautiful
9:30 Burt Wolf's Menu
10:00 Snowy River, The McGregor Saga
11:00 Mysterious Island
11:30 Small Wonder
12:00 The Brittas Empire
12:30 World News
13:00 Asia News & World Business Report
13:30 Home Improvement
14:00 Space Island One
15:00 Big Easy
16:00 Murder Call
17:00 The Bold and the Beautiful
17:30 Home Improvement
18:00 Space Island One
19:00 Big Easy
20:00 Murder Call
21:00 Home Improvement
21:30 Newhart
22:00 The Brittas Empire
22:30 The Bold and the Beautiful
23:00 The Wonder Years
23:30 Mr. Belvedere
00:00 Aerobics Oz Style
00:30 World News
1:00 Home Improvement
1:30 Candid Camera
2:00 Jack Hanna's Animal Adventure
2:30 The Brittas Empire

**■ NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC (17/19)**

6:00 The Greatest Flight
7:00 CNBC – finance and business news and reports
13:00 Australia's Aborigines 14:00 The Survivors (rpt)
15:00 Diving with Seals
15:30 The Sea Elephants' Beach
16:00 The Most Dangerous Jump in the World (rpt)
16:30 Opal Dreamers (rpt)
17:00 Encounter with Whales (rpt)
18:00 Taking Pictures (rpt)
19:00 The Greatest Flight
20:00 American Trickster – the coyote
21:00 Animal Minds – complex behavioral patterns
21:30 Passionate People: Caveman Spaceman – astro-biological tour of the Lechuguilla cave in New Mexico
22:30 African Wildlife – Etosha National Park
23:30 Freeze Frame: an Arctic Adventure
00:00 Mir 18: Destination Space – American astronauts preparing for a rendezvous with Mir 18
00:30 Mr. Yusu's Farewell – culture and traditions of tribes in Indonesia
1:00 Storm of the Century – how to predict storms
2:00 American Trickster

**■ BBC WORLD (13/14)**

News on the hour
6:30 USA Direct (rpt)
7:30 Reporters (rpt)
8:30 Holiday (rpt)
9:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
10:30 Reporters (rpt)
11:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
12:30 The Big Catch: Beluga (rpt)
13:00 The World Today
14:30 Reporters (rpt)
15:00 World News and Business Report
15:30 The World Today
16:30 1999 International Boat Show (rpt)
17:30 Hard Talk
18:30 Reporters (rpt)
19:30 Holiday (rpt)
20:00 The World Today
21:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
22:30 Money Programme
23:05 World News and Business Report
23:30 Top Gear Waterworld
00:10 Europe Direct
1:30 World Business Report
1:45 Asia Today (rpt)
2:30 Holiday (rpt)

**■ CNN INTERNATIONAL (12)**

News throughout the day
6:15 American Edition
6:30 World Report
7:05 CNN This Morning
7:30 Insight
8:00 CNN This Morning
8:30 Moneyline (rpt)
9:00 CNN This Morning
9:30 World Sports
10:00 CNN This Morning
10:30 Showbiz Today
11:00 Larry King (rpt)
12:30 World Sport
13:15 American Edition
13:30 Biz Asia
14:30 Business Unusual
15:15 Asian Edition
15:30 World Report
16:30 Showbiz Today
17:30 World Sport
18:30 Style!
19:00 Larry King Live (rpt)
20:45 American Edition
21:30 World Business Today
22:30 Q&A with Riz Khan
23:00 News Europe
23:30 Insight
00:00 World Business Today
00:30 World Sport
1:00 World View
1:30 Moneyline Newshour
2:30 Showbiz Today

**■ SKY NEWS (14/13)**

News on the hour
6:30 CBS Evening News
7:30 Showbiz Weekly
8:00 Sunrise
13:30 Sky World News
16:30 Prime Minister's Questions
18:30 Sky World News
19:00 Live at Five
21:30 Sportline
22:30 Sky Business Report
23:30 Sky World News
00:00 Prime Time
2:30 CBS Evening News

**■ CHANNEL 5 (05)**

6:30 Bodies in Motion
16:00 Bodies in Motion
16:30 College Basketball
17:30 English League Cup Soccer – semifinal (rpt)
18:30 National Volleyball League
19:30 Sports News
20:00 BNA Classics
21:15 French League Soccer
22:45 English League Cup Soccer – semifinal: Spurs vs Wimbledon

**■ EUROSPORT (15/16)**

9:30 Bobsleigh
10:00 Nordic Combined Skiing (rpt)
11:00 Live Nordic Combined Skiing
12:00 Australian Open
14:00 Tennis
19:30 Live Figure Skating
23:30 Figure Skating
00:00 Tennis
1:30 Boxing
2:00 Bloopers

# RADIO

**■ VOICE OF MUSIC**

6:05 Meyerbeer: Excerpts from "Le Prophète"
7:07 Beethoven: 11 Bagatelles op 119 / Allegretto in C minor / Bagatelle in A minor "Für Elise"; Mozart: Adagio and Allegro for Organ K594 / Fantasia in F minor K608 / Church Sonata in C
8:05 Purcell: Ode to Queen Mary's Birthday; Mendelssohn: Piano Concerto no 1
9:05 Beethoven: Septet op 20; Schumann: Piano Concerto op 54; Mozart: Symphony no 36 K425 [illegible]; Brahms: Symphony no 2 op 73; Ben-Haim: Concerto for Strings op 40
12:00 Light Classical – works of Lalo
13:00 Artist of the Week – The Kronos Quartet. Scott Johnson: It Raged; Michael Dougherty: Elvis Everywhere; Jimi Hendrix: Purple Haze; Piazzolla: Tango; Ben Johnson: Quartet no 4; Arvo Pärt: Fratres
14:05 Encore
15:00 Keys – The London Symphony / Oliver Knussen, conductor and soloist, in works by [illegible] (1930-1996)
16:00 Purcell: Come Ye Sons of Art [illegible]de; Bach: Concerto in C for 2 [illegible]chords and Orchestra; [illegible]nod: Messe solennelle de St. Cécile
18:00 Schubert: Impromptu in G; Gwynnes: Lullabye for Clarinet and Piano; Hanaman: Scottish Folk Song arranged by Beethoven; Beethoven: Piano Sonata op 27/2 "Moonlight"; Schumann: Fantasiestück op 73; Fauré: Sonata in A for Violin and Piano op 13; Debussy: Piano Trio in G; Chausson: String Quartet op 35 "Unfinished"
20:05 The Israel Camerata Jerusalem / Avner Biron (concerts of 19.11.98 and 15.12.98). J.C.Bach: Sinfonia in G op 6/6; Mozart: Piano Concerto no 27 K595; Canchelli: In the Place of the Tango (encore); Kopytman: From Later; Pergolesi: Magnificat in B flat; Sammartini: Magnificat in B flat; Buxtehude: Magnificat in D; Vivaldi: Magnificat in G minor; Vivaldi: Gloria in D; Vivaldi: Beatus vir
23:00 Golden Generation – Violinist Yehudi Menuhin in his best recordings. Tchaikovsky: Concerto in D op 35 (RIAS SO / Fricsay / recorded 1949); Debussy: Sonata for Violin and Piano (Alexander Markov, piano / Moscow 1945); Bach: Sonata for Violin and Keyboard (Glenn Gould / Montreal 1945)

**■ RADIOWEST**

CNN news on the hour followed by RadioWEST local news
6:00 Morning Drive with David Starck (until 9:00)
7:45 Sports Update
8:08 Lions Trust Financial Update
9:00 Morning Brunch with Sharon Wagner (until 12:00)
12:00 Sound Advice with Centurion Insurance
13:00 Memory Lane with Rebecca E.
14:00 M & M's Pick 'n' Mix
16:00 Afternoon Drive with Mike Reinis (until 18:30)
17:45 Sports Update
18:30 Newsmakers with Mordechai Twersky
19:00 Lonely Soul in Town – Dave Bender
22:00 West RockLine with Mark Garson
1:00 Late Night Music

**■ BBC WORLD SERVICE**

6:00 The World Today
7:00 The World Today
8:00 The World Today
9:00 World News
9:15 Outlook
9:55 My Century
10:00 World News
10:05 Westway
10:20 Off the Shelf: Silas Marner
10:35 One Planet
11:00 World News
11:05 Britain Now
11:20 World Ranking
11:50 Sports Roundup
12:00 Newsdesk
12:30 Britain Today
12:45 Wild Tales
13:00 Newsdesk
13:30 Sports International
14:00 World News
14:05 Outlook
14:45 Sports Roundup
15:00 Newshour
16:00 World News
16:05 One Planet
16:30 Meridian (live)
17:00 World News
17:05 Sports Roundup
17:15 From Our Own Correspondent
17:30 Jazzmatazz
18:00 World News
18:15 Insight
18:30 Multitrack: X-Press
19:00 Europe Today
19:30 World Business Report
19:45 Sports Roundup
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20:15 Britain Today
20:30 Sports International
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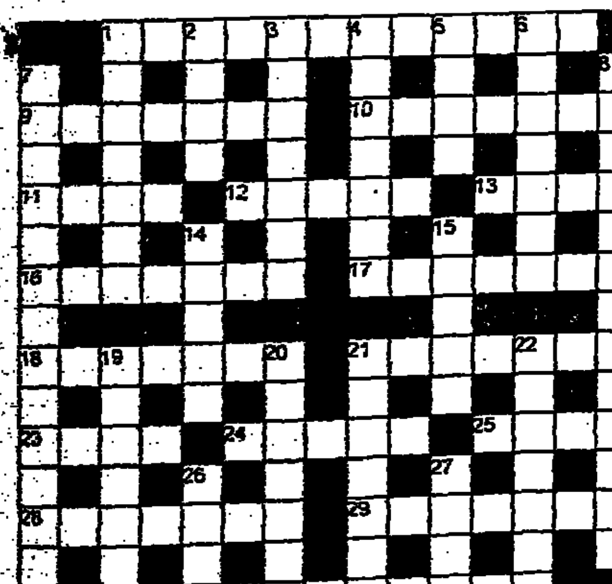
# CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

**ACROSS**

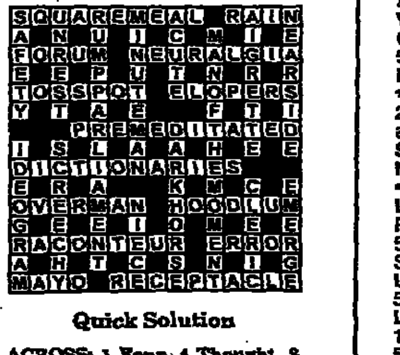
1 Fool, to accept passenger (4,3,1,4)
9 Discussion group remains perplexed (7)
10 Observed dirt on floor of old pub (7)
11 Gorilla, say, to cross peak (4)
12 Contract for boxer's fee (5)
13 A little slug likes fruit (4)
16 Trellis the French put round loft (7)
17 Poor respect for symbol of authority (7)
18 Sharp-eyed old boy missed attendant (7)
21 Vessel—one going up and down on waves? (7)
23 Principal said to have long hair (4)
24 Strong chance of search for weapons (5)
25 I can trouble old American (4)
28 Out of the running, but won back woman with energy (7)
29 For Cockney, to have anger is normal (7)
30 Treatment that goes swimmingly? (12)

**DOWN**

1 Encountered rising annoyance in storm (7)
2 Helpful sort (4)
3 A lot of money for a strain (7)
4 Objects to holidays one's accepted (7)
5 Lines taken in arguments (4)
6 Ecstasy, say, with which to receive fabric (7)
7 Let his best man come from the regular staff (13)
8 Knock cask, getting scab (6-7)
14 Bird, an enormous creature (5)
15 King takes in romantic poet (5)
19 Ladder from home used by escaper (7)
20 Peak income perhaps in the fast stream (7)
21 Spend a long time in corridor (7)
22 Needing food, going round a country (7)
26 Raise the back (4)
27 Big game shot (4)

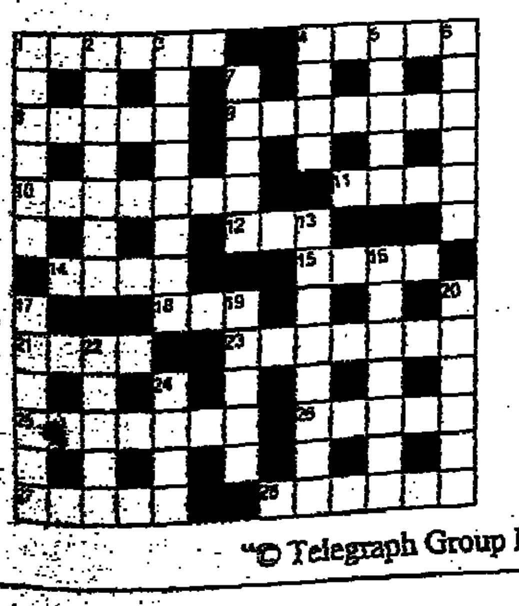


## SOLUTIONS




**Quick Solution**

ACROSS: 1 Four, 4 Thought, 8 Playroom, 9 Opt, 11 Porker, 13 Quiche, 14 Datum, 15 Case, 17 Tyro, 18 Waist, 20 Winner, 21 Trojan, 24 Moo, 25 Virtuoso, 26 Nostrum, 27 Hate. DOWN: 2 Oiler, 3 Rhymed, 4 Toot, 5 Osmium, 6 Grouchy, 7 To the point, 10 Spacewoman, 12 Radar, 13 Quest, 16 Simoons, 18 Weaver, 19 Trough, 22 Jaunt, 23 Grim.



# QUICK CROSSWORD

**ACROSS**

1 Slow gallop (6)
4 Soft fruit (5)
8 Tapers (5)
9 Medieval author (7)
10 Facial feature (7)
11 Dry, withered (4)
12 Lick up (3)
14 Flowerless plant (4)
15 So let it be (4)
18 Adam's mate (3)
21 Electrical units (4)
23 Platitude (7)
25 The papal city (7)
26 Clumsy (5)
27 Vote for (5)
28 Excellent (3-3)

**DOWN**

1 Chop (6)
2 Ingenuosity (7)
3 Hold sacred (8)
4 False god (4)
5 Military reconnaissance (5)
6 Ball in cricket (6)
7 Frown (5)
13 Italian film director (8)
16 Distinguished (7)
17 Slatted shutter (6)
19 Dark wood (5)
20 Held in (4-2)
22 Bishop's hat (5)
24 Shoo! (4)

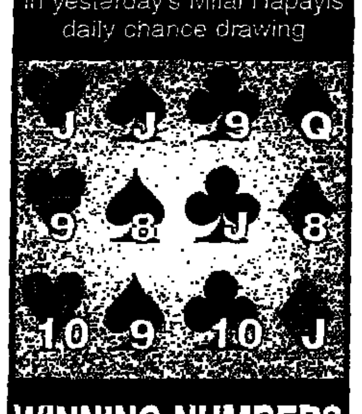
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# MOVIES

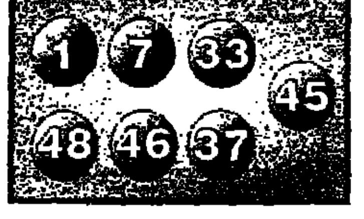
**JERUSALEM**
**CINEMATHEQUE** Zelig 5 • Stress∞Tension∞Ordinary Day 7 • After Hours∞Van Gogh 9:30 **G.G. GIL** Jerusalem Mall (Malha) ☎ 6788448 Psycho∞Central Station∞Practical Magic 4:45, 7:15, 10 • The Truman Show 4:45, 7:15, 10 • ANTZ∞Sliding Doors 4:15, 7:15, 10 • The Negotiator∞Ronin 4:30, 7:15, 10 **JERUSALEM THEATER** Washington Square 9:30 • Character *(Dutch, Hebrew subtitles)* 7 • Central Station 7, 9:30 **RAV CHEN 1-7** ☎ 6792799 Credit Card Reservations ☎ 6794477 Rav-Mecher Building, 19 Ha'oman St., Talpiot Step Mom F4:15, 7:15, 9:45 • There's Something About Mary∞Life is Beautiful 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Enemy of the State 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 • Studio 54 5, 7:30, 9:45 • The Mighty 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Rounders 5, 7:15, 9:45 **MEVASSERET ZION G.G. GIL** ☎ 5700868 ANTZ 4:45, 7:15 • Sliding Doors 10 • The Negotiator 4:30, 7:15, 10 **SMADAR** ☎ 5618168 Happiness 7, 9:45
**TEL AVIV**
**DIZENGOFF** Central Station 11 a.m., 1, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10 • Sliding Doors 11 a.m., 1, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10 • Washington Square 11 a.m., 1, 3:15 • Character *(Dutch, Hebrew subtitles)* 5:30, 7:45, 10 **GAT** ☎ 6967888 Step Mom 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 **GLOBUS** ☎6081130/1 Psycho∞Ronin 11:30 a.m., 2, 5, 7:30, 10 • Practical Magic 11:30 a.m., 2, 5, 7:30, 10 • ANTZ∞The Truman Show 11:30 a.m., 2, 5, 7:30, 10 • The Negotiator 11:30 a.m., 2, 4:30, 7:15, 10 • Small Soldiers 11:30 a.m., 2, 5 • Big Lebowski 11:30 a.m., 2, 5, 7:30, 10 • Paulie 7:30, 10 **G.G. HOD 1–4** ☎ 5226226 Hod Passage, 101 Dizengoff St. Ronin 5, 7:30, 10 • The Big Lebowski 5, 7:30; • The Truman Show 5, 7:30, 10 • The Negotiator 4:30, 7:15, 10 **LEV** ☎5288288 Happiness 1, 4, 7, 10 • Girls' Night 12 noon, 2:15, 5, 7:30, 9:45 • The Dream Life of Angels 12 noon, 2:30, 5, 7:30, 10 • Hana-Bi 9:45 • Welcome to the Doll House 5:15 • Polish Bride 12:30 p.m., 2:45, 7:15 **LEV AVIV** ☎6417148 Girls Night∞Hana-Bi 7:30, 10 • The Dream Life of Angels 7:30, 10 • Nights of Cabiria 7:30, 10 • Sweet Hereafter 10 • A Price Above Rubies 7:30 **LIMOR** ☎6968084 Shall We Dance 6, 9:45 • In the Realm of the Senses 8 • As Good As It Gets 9:45 **G.G. PE'ER** ☎5442141 Psycho∞The Truman Show 5, 7:30, 10 • Practical Magic 5, 7:30, 10 • ANTZ 5, 7:30, 10 • The Negotiator 4:30, 7:15, 10 **RAV-CHEN** ☎ 5282288 Dizengoff Circle Rounders∞Holy Man 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Enemy of the State 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 • Studio 54∞Snake Eyes 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Ever After 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 **RAV-OR 1-5** ☎ 5102674 Opera House The Mighty∞There's Something About Mary 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Life is Beautiful∞Next Stop Wonderland 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Tango 5, 7:30, 9:45 **TEL AVIV MUSEUM** Gabbeh 5, 8, 10
**HAIFA**
**CINEMA CAFÉ AMAMI** ☎8325755 Sliding Doors 7:15, 9:30 • Practical Magic 7:15, 9:30 **CINEMATHEQUE** ☎8383424 Dance Europa 7 • Gabbeh 9:30 **MORIAH** ☎8242477 Girls' Night Fri. 10:15; Sat. 7:30, 9:30; Sun-Wed. 7:30, 9:30 **ORI** ☎8500056 Psycho 7:15, 10 • Ronin 4:45, 7:15, 10 • Practical Magic 4:45, 7:15, 10 • The Truman Show∞ANTZ 4:45, 7:15, 10 • The Negotiator 4:30, 7:15, 10 • Sliding Doors 4:45, 7:15, 10 • Small Soldiers 4:45 **PANORAMA** ☎8382020 Central Station 4:30, 7:15, 9:30 • Character *(Dutch, Hebrew subtitles)* 4:30, 7, 9:30 • ANTZ 4:30, 7:15, 9:30 **RAV-CHEN** ☎8500055 Stepmom 4:30, 7, 9:30 • Holy Man∞There's Something About Mary 4:45, 7:15, 9:30 • Halloween: H20 5, 7:15, 9:30 • Studio 54 5, 7:15, 9:30 • **RAV-GAT 1-2** ☎ 8674311 Rounders 7, 9:30 • Enemy of the State 7, 9:30 **RAV-MOR 1-7** ☎ 8416898 Stepmom 4:30, 7, 9:30 • Enemy of the State 4:30, 7, 9:30 • Rounders 9:30 • There's Something About Mary 4:30, 7, 9:30 • Studio 54 5, 7:15, 9:30 • Life is Beautiful 4:45, 7, 9:30 • Holy Man 4:30, 7, 9:30 • The Mighty 5, 7:15 **RAV-OR 1-3** ☎ 8246553 Life is Beautiful 4:45, 7, 9:30 • Ever After 4:45, 7, 9:30 • The Mighty 5, 7:15, 9:30
**AFULA**
**RAV CHEN** Stepmom∞Enemy of the State 7, 9:30 • Life is Beautiful 7:15, 9:30
**ARAD**
**STAR** ☎9950904 Rounders 5, 7:30, 10 • Stepmom 5, 7:30, 10 • Enemy of the State 5, 7:30, 10
**ARIEL**
The Big Lebowski 9 • Small Soldiers 6
**ASHDOD**
**G.G. GIL** ☎ 8647202 Practical Magic 5, 7:30, 10 • Ronin∞ANTZ 5, 7:30, 10 • The Negotiator 4:30, 7:15, 10 • Jewish Revenge 5, 7:30, 10 **RAV CHEN** ☎8661120 Stepmom∞Enemy of the State 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 • Rounders 5, 7:15, 9:45 • Holy Man 5, 7:30, 9:45 • There's Something About Mary∞The Mighty 5, 7:30, 9:45
**ASHKELON**
**G.G. GIL** ☎ 6729977 Practical Magic∞Ronin 5, 7:30, 10 • ANTZ∞Sliding Doors 5, 7:30, 10 • The Negotiator 4:30, 7:15, 10 **RAV CHEN** ☎6711221 Stepmom∞Enemy of the State 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 • The Mighty 5, 7:30, 9:45 • There's Something About Mary ∞Life is Beautiful 5, 7:30, 9:45
**BAT YAM**
**RAV CHEN** ☎5531077 Stepmom 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 • Psycho 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Enemy of the States 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 • Life is Beautiful∞There's Something About Mary 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Ronin 5, 7:15, 9:45 • The Mighty 5, 7:30, 9:45
**BEERSHEBA**
**G.G. ORI** ☎6103111 Psycho∞Ronin 5, 7:30, 10 • ANTZ 5, 7:30, 10 • Sliding Doors 5, 7:30, 10 **RAV-NEGEV 1-4** ☎6235278 Stepmom∞Enemy of the State 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 • Life is Beautiful 5, 7:30, 9:45 • There's Something About Mary 5, 7:30, 9:45
**EILAT**
**EILAT CINEMA** Stepmom 7:30, 10 • Rounders 7:30, 10 • Enemy of the State 8, 10:15 **GIL** ☎6340182 Psycho∞Sliding Doors 5, 7:30, 10 • Ronin 5, 7:30, 10
**HADERA**
**LEV** ☎6343555 Stepmom∞Enemy of the State 7:15, 10 • There's Something About Mary∞ Sliding Doors 7:30, 10
**HERZLIYA**
**COLONY** ☎6902666 Stepmom 5:30, 7:45, 10 • Life is Beautiful 5:30, 7:30, 10 **DANIEL** ☎ 9544044 Happiness 7, 9:45 **STAR** ☎ 9589068 Enemy of the State 7:30, 10 • The Negotiator 7:15, 10 • Ronin 7:15, 10
**HOD HASHARON**
**GIL** ☎ 7408591 Stepmom∞Enemy of the State 4:45, 7:15, 10 • There's Something About Mary 10 • ANTZ 5, 7:30 • Small Soldiers 5 • Ronin 7:30, 10
**HOLON**
**GLOBUS** Stepmom F4:45, 7:15, 10 • Enemy of the State 4:45, 7:15, 10 • Psycho 7:30, 10 • Sliding Doors 5, 7:30, 10 • There's Something About Mary∞Life is Beautiful 5, 7:30, 10 • Small Soldiers 5 **STAR** Stepmom∞Henry Fool 7:15, 10 • There's Something About Mary∞Practical Magic 7:30, 10
**KARMIEL**
**CINEMA** ☎9882521 Stepmom 7, 9:30 • There's Something About Mary 7 • Enemy of the State 7, 9:30 • Sliding Doors 9:30
**KFAR SAVA**
**G.G. GIL** ☎7677370 Stepmom 4:45, 7:15, 10 • There's Something About Mary∞Psycho 5, 7:30, 10 • Central Station 7:30, 10 • Enemy of the State 4:45, 7:15, 10 • Life is Beautiful 5, 7:30, 10 • ANTZ 5, 7:30 • Small Soldiers 5 • The Negotiator 10
**KIRYAT BIALIK**
**G.G. GIL** ☎8779877 ANTZ∞Ronin 7, 9:30 • Psycho∞Practical Magic 7, 9:30 • The Truman Show∞The Negotiator 7, 9:30 • There's Something About Mary Fri. 7, 9:30, 12 midnight; 7, 9:30 • A Perfect Murder∞The Big Lebowski∞Sliding Doors 7, 9:30
**KIRYAT SHMONA**
**G.G. GIL** ☎6905080 Stepmom∞Enemy of the State 4:30, 7, 9:30 • ANTZ 4:30, 7, 9:30
**NAHARIYA**
**G.G. GIL** Stepmom∞Enemy of the State 4:45, 7:15, 10 • There's Something About Mary 5, 7, 10 • Psycho 5, 7:30, 10 • Twilight 7:30, 10 • Small Soldiers 5
**UPPER NAZARETH**
**G.G GIL** ☎6561332 Jewish Revenge∞Practical Magic 4:30, 7, 9:30 • Ronin∞There's Something About Mary∞ANTZ 4:30, 7, 9:30 • Stepmom∞Enemy of the State 4:15, 7, 10
**NESS ZIONA**
**G.G. GIL 1-4** ☎ 9404729 Psycho 7:30, 10 • There's Something About Mary 5, 7:30, 10 • Ronin 5, 7:30, 10 • The Truman Show 5, 7:30, 10 • Small Soldiers 5
**NETANYA**
**G.G. GIL 1-5** ☎ 8628452 Psycho∞Ronin 5, 7:30, 10 • Washington Square∞ANTZ 5, 7:30, 10 • The Negotiator 4:30, 7:15, 10 **RAV CHEN** ☎ 8618570 Stepmom∞Enemy of the States 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 • Life is Beautiful 5, 7:30, 9:45 • There's Something About Mary 5, 7:30, 9:45
**OR AKIVA**
**RAV CHEN** ☎ 6262758 Enemy of the State 7, 9:30 • There's Something About Mary∞Life is Beautiful 7, 9:30
**OR YEHUDA**
**G.G. GIL 1-4** ☎ 5333292 ANTZ∞Ronin 7:30, 10 • Practical Magic 7:30, 10 • The Negotiator 7:15, 10
**PETAH TIKVA**
**G.G. GIL 1-6** ☎ 9087989 Stepmom 4:45, 7:15, 10 • Psycho 5, 7:30, 10 • Sliding Doors 5, 7:30, 10 • Central Station∞There's Something About Mary 5, 7:30, 10 • ANTZ 5, 7:30, 10 **G.G. HECHAL** ☎ 9317374 Enemy of the State 4:45, 7:15, 10 • The Negotiator 10; • Ronin 5, 7:30
**RA'ANANA**
**CIN MOFET** ☎ 7482915 King of the Masks 8:30 **PARK** ☎ 7711321 Stepmom 5, 7:30, 10:15 • Ronin 5, 7:30, 10:15 • There's Something About Mary∞Life is Beautiful 5, 7:30, 10:15 • Happiness 7:15, 10 **RA'ANAN** The Negotiator∞Washington Square 5, 7:30, 10:15 • ANTZ∞Enemy of the State 5, 7:30, 10:15 • The Truman Show 7:30, 10:15 • Practical Magic 5, 7:30, 10:15 • Ever After 5
**RAMAT GAN**
**RAV-GAN 1-4** ☎ 6197121 Stepmom 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 • There's Something About Mary∞Life is Beautiful 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Sliding Doors 5, 7:30, 9:45 **RAV-OASIS 1-3** ☎ 6730687 Enemy of the State 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 • Ronin 5, 7:15, 9:45 • Rounders 5, 7:15, 9:45
**RAMAT HASHARON**
**KOKHAV** ☎ 5491979 Washington Square 5, 7:15, 9:30
**REHOVOT**
**CHEN** ☎ 9362868 Girls Night 7:15, 9:45 • Carla's Song 7:15, 9:30 • Sliding Doors 7:30, 9:45 • Sliding Doors 7:30, 9:45 **RAV MOR** ☎ 9493595 Stepmom 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 • Enemy of the State 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 • Practical Magic∞Life is Beautiful 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Rounders 9:45 • ANTZ 5, 7:30 • There's Something About Mary 5, 7:30, 9:45
**RISHON LEZION**
**GIL 1-3** ☎ 9500785 The Negotiator 4:30, 7:15, 10 • ANTZ∞Sliding Doors 5, 7:30, 10 **HAZAHAV** ☎ 9514968 ANTZ∞Ronin 5, 7:30, 10 • Psycho 7:30, 10 • Enemy of the State F4:45, 7:15, 10 • Small Soldiers 5 • The Negotiator 4:30, 7:15, 10 **RAV CHEN** ☎ 9670504 Stepmom∞Enemy of the States 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 • There's Something About Mary 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Life is Beautiful 5, 7:30, 9:45 **RISHON LEZION** Khamoshi *(Indian)* 8:30 **STAR** ☎ 9619985 Stepmom∞Henry Fool 7:15, 10 • There's Something About Mary∞Practical Magic 7:30, 10
**YEHUD**
**RAV CHEN** ☎5367910 Stepmom∞Enemy of the State 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 • Life is Beautiful 5, 7:30, 9:45 • There's Something About Mary 5, 7:30, 9:45

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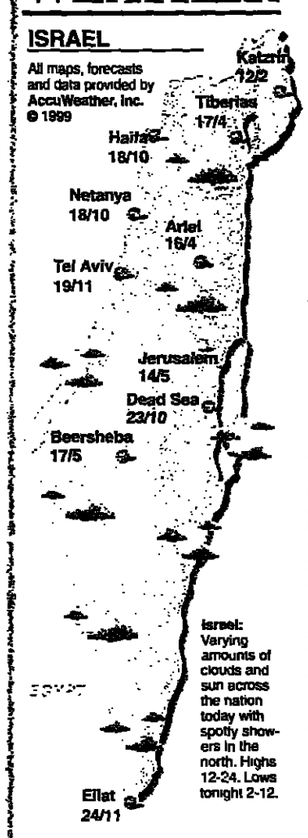
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### ISRAEL




Israel: Varying amounts of clouds and sun across the nation today with spotty showers in the north. Highs 12-24. Lows tonight 2-12.

### ISRAEL CITIES

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| Ariel | 16/61 | 4/39/pc | 14/57 | 4/39/s |
| Beersheba | 17/62 | 5/41/pc | 15/59 | 5/41/s |
| Dead Sea | 23/73 | 10/50/pc | 21/70 | 8/46/s |
| Eilat | 24/75 | 11/52/s | 22/71 | 9/48/s |
| Haifa | 18/64 | 10/50/pc | 18/64 | 8/46/pc |
| Jerusalem | 14/57 | 5/41/pc | 13/55 | 5/41/s |
| Katzrin | 12/53 | 2/35/pc | 12/53 | 2/35/c |
| Netanya | 18/64 | 10/50/pc | 17/62 | 8/46/pc |
| Tel Aviv | 19/66 | 11/52/pc | 17/62 | 9/48/pc |
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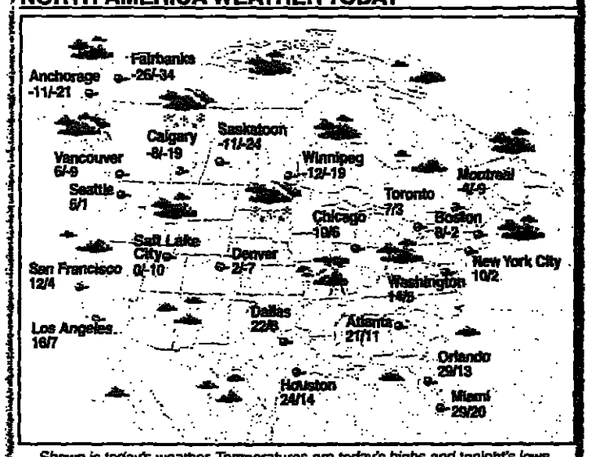
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| Berlin | 4/39 | -2/29/c | 0/32 | -5/22/sn |
| Brussels | 4/39 | 2/35/c | 8/46 | 0/32/r |
| Cairo | 19/66 | 7/44/pc | 19/66 | 8/46/s |
| Chicago | 10/50 | 8/43/c | 5/41 | -8/22/r |
| Frankfurt | 1/34 | -5/22/sn | -1/31 | -8/18/c |
| Hong Kong | 23/73 | 19/66/pc | 23/73 | 18/64/pc |
| Johannesburg | 27/80 | 17/62/pc | 25/77 | 17/62/sh |
| London | 7/44 | 5/41/sh | 10/50 | 3/37/sh |
| Los Angeles | 16/61 | 7/44/pc | 20/68 | 5/41/s |
| Madrid | 11/52 | 2/36/c | 11/52 | 3/37/pc |
| Mexico City | 23/73 | 8/43/s | 22/71 | 8/46/pc |
| Montreal | -4/25 | -9/16/sn | 5/41 | -8/22/sh |
| Moscow | -6/22 | -8/18/sn | -4/25 | -6/22/sn |
| New York | 10/50 | 2/35/pc | 10/50 | 3/37/c |
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| Prague | 1/34 | -4/25/sn | -1/31 | -5/22/sn |
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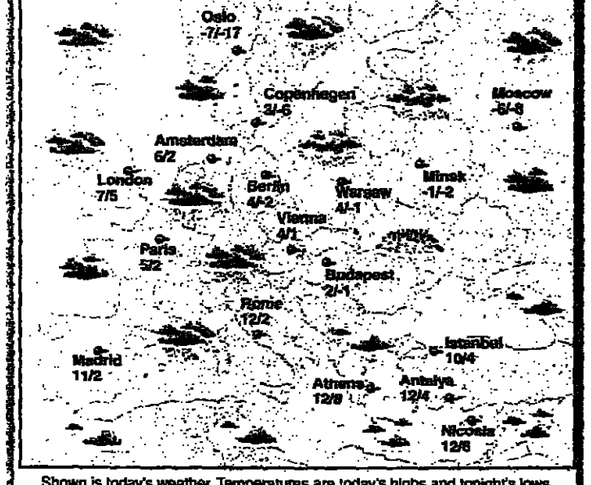
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# Aussies rise to Ecuador's Lapentti

MELBOURNE (Reuters) – The Australian Open found an unlikely new hero yesterday when Nicolas Lapentti of Ecuador – a distant 91st in the world rankings – battled to a five-set win over seventh seed Karol Kucera of Slovakia.

Unseeded Lapentti, who had failed progress beyond round two of his 11 previous grand slam appearances, beat Kucera 7-6 6-7 6-2 0-6 8-6 to reach the semifinals.

Lapentti's victory set him up for a last-four showdown with Thomas Enqvist after the unseeded Swede overcame Swiss Marc Rosset 6-3 6-4 6-4 to underline his status as clear favorite.

It also guaranteed that only one seed, either Russia's Yevgeny Kafelnikov or American Todd Martin can make the last four. They play each other in the quarter-finals today.

"I'm just so happy that I don't know what to say. It's a great feeling," Lapentti said.

"Thomas is playing great tennis so I'll just have to go for it. I mean, I'm in the semis and I'm just going to fight my heart out."

By contrast, the women's draw is still packed with leading players, although American Venus Williams and Belgium's Dominique Van Roost bowed out in the quarter-finals.

Van Roost fell 6-3 7-6 to unseeded Frenchwoman Amelie Mauresmo while Williams was blown away 6-4 6-0 by world No. 1 Lindsay Davenport.

Williams stormed off court without shaking the umpire's hand after a crucial call went against her when some of her hair beads fell on to court.

"This has never happened to me before," Williams screamed at umpire Denis Overberg. "This is out of control."

The brash 18-year-old fifth seed had been unable to dent on Davenport's powerful all-round game and was serving at 2-0 down in the second set when she lost some beads.

Overberg warned her that if it happened again she would lose the point



the same game, a handful of beads did rattle on to court as she served and Davenport was handed the game.

"I didn't think it was a very fair call," said Williams, who has worn beads in her hair for six years.

"It's not an incident that occurs frequently and I've never had any Williams conceded: "I didn't lose that match because my beads fell off, I lost it because I didn't play very well."

US Open champion Davenport showed little sympathy for Williams and said the rattling beads had annoyed her.

"They are the rules we live by," she point." Davenport has lost to Mauresmo in a clay-court encounter in France and said she was looking forward to meeting the muscular 19-year-old Frenchwoman again.

Mauresmo, world No. 29, fired booming serves and powerful ground strokes that 11th seed Van Roost, despite her best efforts, could not counter.

Rosset fared little better, the 1992 Olympic champion standing by helplessly as world No. 21 Enqvist blasted 15 aces.

Enqvist dominated a match graced with long rallies and deep baseline shots, breaking Rosset's serve at crucial stages of each set.

"When I step on court I've been feeling like I could possibly beat anybody in the world," Enqvist said.

Rosset also clocked up serves at around 200 kph an hour but lacked Enqvist's accuracy and consistency to lose in 100 minutes.

Such is the paucity of grand slam form in the final stages of the tournament that Enqvist is now 2-1 favorite even though he has never made it past the quarter-finals in any of the four major championships.

But the loss of the big names has been countered by the rise of some of the lesser known characters.

Lapentti, from Guayaquil, has become a crowd favorite because of his never-say-die approach to the game.

He has reached the semifinals the hard way, beating two seeds and winning four of his five matches in the fifth set.

Even his other match went four sets.

Against Kucera, he was in devastating form, serving powerfully, chasing down every ball and constantly wrong-footing the Slovak with his groundstrokes.

Lapentti suffered a major lapse of concentration in the fourth set, and appeared to have given up on the match, but fought back in the fifth as if there had never been a problem.

The Ecuadorian broke Kucera to go 5-3 up in the final set but was broken back to set up a grandstand finish.

Lapentti became the lowest-ranked semifinalist at the Australian Open since Pat McEnroe won through in 1991 ranked 114.

"I just thought that I had to take some chances, take a big risk and just try to come out strong in the fifth set, and it worked out pretty good," he said.

# Mac. Haifa sign strikers Harazi, Pacha

By OFER RONEN-ABELS

Maccabi Haifa yesterday bolstered their squad ahead of the second half of the National League season by securing the services of strikers Ronnen Harazi and Viktor Pacha.

The two prolific strikers have been drafted on loan until the end of the season and were brought in as late replacements for Alon Mizrahi who has joined French second division side Nice.

Harazi has arrived from Turkish first division side Bursaspor, while Albanian international Pacha has moved from Hapoel Jerusalem.

While the negotiations between the Maccabi Haifa and Bursaspor over the signature of the 28-year-old Israel international almost fell through, Haifa's back-room staff moved swiftly to secure the services of Pacha with an option to buy the player at the end of the season.

The Albanian, who will turn 28 next month, joined Hapoel Jerusalem in the summer from Croatian side Hajduk Split where he spent two seasons, and has scored nine goals in the National League so far, including a last-minute consolation strike when Jerusalem were beaten 6-1 by Haifa in the first round.

The arrival of the two strikers will act as a massive boost for Haifa, who have just lost Mizrahi, their most prolific striker in recent years.

Haifa face telling matches in the coming weeks. They play league leaders Hapoel Haifa in the local derby on February 6 and the following month play Lokomotiv Moscow in the quarter finals stage of the European Cup Winners Cup.

# Maccabi Tel Aviv to meet Bet. Jerusalem in Toto Cup final

By OFER RONEN-ABELS

Nine goals, two penalties, one red card and two very entertaining Toto Cup semifinals were witnessed by some 5,000 spectators at Ramat Gan's National Stadium.

Maccabi Tel Aviv looked like the only team who bothered to turn up for the game as they cruised past Zafririm Holon with a convincing 3-1 victory in the first game, while Betar Jerusalem almost let the game slip out of their grasp as Hapoel Haifa battled for the full 90 minutes with just 10 men before losing 3-2.

**Mac. Tel Aviv 3, Zafririm Holon 1**

The first game began in a flash as Guy Tzarfati gave Tel Aviv the lead 42 seconds after the kickoff following good work by Avi Nimni.

Andrej Koubika added a second 23 minutes later, the Polish striker blasting a fierce shot into the top corner from the edge of the box.

Holon's coach Guy Levy made two changes after the interval, taking took off Nejad Zaric and Shlomi Dahan and introducing young center-back Tal Chen and veteran midfielder Marco Ben-Baruch. He was rewarded almost instantly as three minutes after the restart Gyorgy Drasilia managed to exploit a mistake by Maccabi's defender Jeffrey Yishai and beat Alexander Obarov from close range.

Nimni sealed the result on the hour in what can be described as a textbook move.

Michael Amonilo stopped another of Holon's attacks on the edge of the maccabi area before breaking forward and feeding Koubika who left the ball for Tzarfati. He then released an inch-perfect through-ball to Nimni, who proved yesterday that he is a class player as he dummied Holon's Amir Avigdor before unleashing an unstoppable left-foot shot which shaved the inside of the crossbar before ending up in the back of Holon goalkeeper Martin Pesco's net.

**Betar Jerusalem 3, Hapoel Haifa 2**

Hapoel Haifa's players, staff and fans felt very disappointed after referee Yosef Benisti blew the final whistle yesterday as they failed to make what could have been the most amazing of comebacks.

It was Benisti's first call, and not the last, which was the one that everyone of the fans who stayed for second game was talking about.

Just 25 seconds from the start, while people were still taking their seats for the second semi final, Hapoel's skipper, Ran Ben-Shimon saw the red card for a professional foul on Betar's Nir Sivilia 30 meters from Dudu Awat's goal. Ben-Shimon took his armband off, ran to the dressing room and left his teammates to battle out the 90 minutes with only 10 men.

Haifa had the first chance of the game after 16 minutes when Goran Milenko's shot sailed across Itzhak Kornfein's goal, but it was Betar who took the lead seven minutes later. Eitan Mizrahi shook off Hapoel's Ofer Talkar near the corner flag before breaking into the box and pulling the ball back to Amir Shelah whose left-foot curler flew into the top corner.

Ofer Shitrit had a chance to get his name on the scoresheet but his right foot volley found Awat ready. Talk headed the ball against the crossbar after 38 minutes from a Najwan Grayeb cross as he attempted to bring Haifa back into the game.

Ilan Tal replaced Meir Ben-Margi after the break as Eli Gutman shuffled his side, but Benisti awarded Betar a penalty five minutes after the break as Awat brought down Nir Sivilia inside the box. With national team coach Shlomo Scharf watching, Shitrit would not miss a chance to score as he converted the spot kick and double Betar's lead.

Shitrit added a second, a minute before the hour mark by heading in from seven meters after good work by Sivilia, who was clearly on top of his game.

Haifa pulled a goal back in the 71st minute as Oren Nissim who came in 10 minutes earlier for Ami Azulai was brought down by Assi Domb and Kornfein together, and Giovanni Rosso, who had an untidy game so far didn't fail from the spot. With 19 minutes left to play, Eli Gutman's men threw everything forward, Rosso came back to life as he ran the show from midfield but Ilan Tal and Haim Hajaj who came in for Milenko missed from close range.

Nissim gave the league leaders five minutes of hope as he tapped in from close range after good work from Tal on 85. But, Benisti was at the center of the action again as he failed to award Haifa a clear last-minute penalty which could have taken the game into extra time.

# Manchester offered 'gross hospitality'

MANCHESTER (AP) – As this northern English city considers seeking compensation for its failed 2000 Olympics bid, the head of the bid committee admitted the city had shown "gross hospitality" to International Olympic Committee members.

Manchester's efforts come in the wake of the IOC ethics scandal surrounding Salt Lake City's bid for the 2002 Winter Olympics. On Sunday, the IOC expelled six members implicated in the case and three other have resigned.

Bob Scott, head of the Manchester bid committee, described taking IOC members to Wimbledon and FA Cup matches as part of its $9 million bid effort.

"We were in the business of showing people round, we were in the business of entertaining, we were in the business of you know, sort of gross hospitality is the phrase that I think we can be accused of," Scott said.

"We took them to Wembley, we took them to Wimbledon, we were showing them that British sport was extremely well-organized," Scott said Monday.

Asked where the line was between hospitality and bribery, he replied, "I think that's a very good question. I'm very convinced that what we were doing was not bribing. I don't think it's very different from winning any major contract. You put your best foot forward and that involves entertainment. You may think it stinks but that's the name of the game," said Scott.

# Fowler signs new five-year deal with Liverpool

LIVERPOOL (Reuters) – Liverpool striker Robbie Fowler ended months of speculation by signing a five-year deal with the English premier league club yesterday.

The 23-year-old England international, who joined the club as a schoolboy, told a news conference he was delighted to be staying at Anfield.

"It is a massive boost to Liverpool Football Club and the future to have him re-sign," said coach Gerard Houllier.

"I was always going to sign anyway," Fowler said. "A lot has been made up but at the end of the day I am very happy and there is no reason for me to want to leave anyway.

"I'm really happy that I've signed it now." Liverpool had reportedly offered Fowler £8 million to keep him at Anfield for the next five years but he had refused to sign a contract which would have made him the highest paid player in the club's history.

# Cape Town fuels Olympic scandal

LONDON (Reuters) – Cape Town yesterday fuelled the Olympic scandal when an official for the city's losing 2004 Summer Games bid said he been offered help to bribe International Olympic Committee (IOC) members.

Chris Ball, chief executive of the bid committee, said he had been approached by agents offering to help bribe IOC members during the vote in September, 1997, won by Athens.

"One or two intermediaries approached us and suggested they could influence votes," Ball said.

"We turned them down. We certainly didn't set out to influence people other than give them a pot of Cape gooseberry jam."

On Sunday, the IOC suspended six of its 115 members after an internal investigation into claims that Salt Lake City offered bribes during its successful bid for the 2002 Winter Games.

Three other members have already resigned and three more face further investigation.

IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch, the target of venomous editorials in yesterday's European newspapers, reiterated he would resign if he lost a confidence vote at a special IOC session in March.

"I have always said that the IOC congress is the IOC parliament and that the committee is the IOC government," Samaranch told the French daily *Le Monde* yesterday.

"If our parliament refuses to grant me its confidence, I will quit. It's as simple as that."

Both the Cape Town and Stockholm organizing committees were forced to deny allegations that they offered gifts to IOC members before the 1997 vote and yesterday Ball again denied any improper conduct.

"I have no knowledge of improper conduct by any city in the 2004 competition," he said.

"Athens won fairly. The competition was very professionally managed by the IOC."

Berlin, whose bid for the 2000 Games was marred by allegations that secret dossiers were compiled on the sexual preferences of IOC members, also denied any wrongdoing.

"The legislature thoroughly examined the campaign and details about the relations with the IOC were also included," said Berlin government spokesman Michael-Andreas Butz. "The result is that Berlin stuck to the IOC's rules."

Samaranch's pledge to resign if he loses his confidence vote is unlikely to mollify his critics judging by yesterday's press comment.

"The IOC has been exposed as a pigsty," said *Bild*, Germany's largest selling daily.

"Six members sold their votes for hard dollars and hot nights of passion. And Juan Antonio Samaranch says he wants to pursue further suspects.

"It's too bad he hasn't considered quitting himself."

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